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Data shows scope of D.C. sexual harassment

About 300 city workers have registered complaints since 2017

BY MEAGAN FLYNN AND MICHAEL BRICE-SADDLER

Roughly 300 D.C. employees have lodged complaints of sexual harassment in city government since Mayor Muriel E. Bowser's anti-sexual-harassment order took effect in 2017.

The collection of complaints — obtained by The Washington Post from the Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel (MOLC) through a records request — shows for the first time the breadth of alleged sexual misconduct experienced by D.C. employees.

The issue was brought to the fore this year after Bowser's former chief of staff, John Falcicchio, was accused of prolonged sexual harassment by two women, a scandal that led to his resignation in March and fueled an appetite among city leaders to assess whether Bowser's anti-harassment order needed changes.

Now, MOLC's data provides a window into how the city has handled scores of sexual harassment complaints over the past five years, with varying outcomes under a relatively stringent definition of sexual harassment that the D.C. Council has already thrown out and that Bowser is expected to change as well.

The MOLC's tracker is not a comprehensive account of all sexual harassment complaints filed by D.C. employees — who can file

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Migrants in Chicago camp out in the lobby of a neighborhood police precinct last month. The consequences that Biden officials threatened to impose on those who break the law have done little to deter families who say they are fleeing poverty or violence.

Biden border plan faces breakdown amid a record influx of families

Cities across U.S. strain to deal with surge months after White House ended Title 42

BY MARIA SACCHETTI AND NICK MIROFF
IN CHICAGO

The border plan President Biden put in place nearly five months ago is at risk of collapse amid a new wave of illegal crossings, intensifying strains on U.S. cities and leaving authorities struggling to care for record numbers of families arriving with children.

U.S. agents along the southern border are making more than 9,000 arrests a day, a near record, including a fast-rising number of families, a group that is far more difficult for the government to manage than adults traveling solo.

More than 103,000 parents traveling with children crossed the southern border illegally in September, the highest number ever, according to preliminary government data obtained by The Washington Post.

The influx has left some migrant families sleeping on the streets, turning them into a landscape of the nation's policy failures.

Republican governors signed a Sept. 19 letter to Biden saying his policies are encouraging illegal immigration. New York Mayor Eric Adams, a Democrat, this week headed to Mexico, Ecuador and Colombia on what he called a fact-finding mission after saying thousands of migrants have overwhelmed the city's shelters, and Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker, also a Democrat, wrote Biden this week that the situation was "untenable."

In Chicago, the city that will

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U.S. job market zooms ahead

336,000 POSITIONS ADDED LAST MONTH

Knockout report may feel like sucker punch to Fed

BY LAUREN KAORI GURLEY AND RACHEL SIEGEL

The U.S. economy churned out a blockbuster 336,000 jobs in September, smashing economists' expectations and heightening the risk that policymakers will have to push even harder to slow down the economy.

The data released Friday by the Bureau of Labor Statistics offered yet another snapshot of the job market's remarkable strength, with the unemployment rate holding at 3.8 percent and wage growth outpacing inflation in a boost to workers. But it was also the latest example of an economy that simply refuses to slow down, despite the Federal Reserve's aggressive attempts to get prices and hiring closer to normal levels.

The economy's defiance has worked out for now, with a recession nowhere in sight. But that could change if the Fed is forced to keep interest rates high for an extended period.

The September report, which showed the largest number of gains since January, had been expected to indicate continued moderation in the labor market, with forecasts of around 170,000 jobs created. Instead, it came in at nearly twice that amount.

"Underlying this report is a labor market that is still incredibly resilient," said Nick Bunker, the economic research director at the jobs site Indeed. "I think it's the sign of a labor market that has sustainable strength moving forward."

Although the figures could point to an overheated labor market, there are signs of stabilization. Data showed that average hourly earnings moderated slightly in September, in positive news for the Fed, which is trying to cool consumer demand as it fights inflation. The average hourly wage rose in September by 4.2 percent over the previous 12 months to $33.88 an hour, a sharper annual increase than inflation, which climbed to 3.7 percent in August. But that's down

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ELECTION 2024

Post-ouster, a cloudy future for a mighty GOP machine

BY MICHAEL SCHERER

Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California spent 15 years building the political machine that won back control of the House in 2022 — a sprawling operation with billionaire donor relationships he managed, a recruitment program he oversaw and a network of shadowy political committees that intervened in primaries at the nod of his team.

After only 269 days as House speaker, the fate of that operation is now in question, raising concerns among Republican strategists and members of Congress about their ability to hold or grow their majority next year.

McCarthy tried to calm those worries Friday at the Capitol, telling reporters that he plans to run for reelection and stay involved in elections. He did not state any preference on his successor, calling the two leading contenders for the job — Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-La.) and House Judiciary Chairman Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) — "good friends."

"We'll keep the majority. I'm going to help the people I got here, and we are going to expand it further," McCarthy said.

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Jailed Iranian rights activist wins Peace Prize

BY SUSANNAH GEORGE, PAUL SCHEMM AND ADELA SULIMAN

DUBAI — The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded Friday to Narges Mohammadi, an imprisoned Iranian human rights activist and the fifth person to receive the prize while incarcerated.

Norwegian Nobel Committee Chair Berit Reiss-Andersen said the prize was awarded "for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all."

The prize will cast an international spotlight on the struggle for women's rights in the Middle Eastern nation, where women have taken to the streets in protest under the banner "Woman, Life, Freedom," following the death in custody of a young woman in September 2022.

While the protests have subsided, the issues that provoked them have not, with reports emerging of another young woman falling afoul of authorities in the past week for not wearing proper Islamic headgear, and ending up in a coma.

The Nobel committee chose Narges Mohammadi "for her fight against the oppression of women."

The incident took place soon after the anniversary of the other young woman's death. Authorities have denied any wrongdoing or foul play. Activists, including Mohammadi, have cast doubt on their assertions.

"Her brave struggle has come with tremendous personal costs," Reiss-Andersen said about Mohammadi. "Altogether, the regime has arrested her 13 times, convicted her five times, and sentenced her to a total of 31 years in prison and 154 lashes."

"In awarding her this year's Nobel Peace Prize, the Norwegian Nobel Committee wishes to honor her courageous fight for human rights, freedom, and democracy in Iran," Reiss-Andersen

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Morgue workers in Kharkiv sift through the bodies of those killed during the Russian missile attack on the Ukrainian village of Hroza on Thursday — one of the deadliest civilian strikes of the war.

Attack deepens sorrow for Ukrainian village

Many suspect a Russian sympathizer called in the deadly funeral strike

BY SIOBHÁN O'GRADY AND ANASTACIA GALOUCHKA

HROZA, UKRAINE — So many people were killed in a Russian missile strike here Thursday that workers with excavators have begun clearing trees and bushes to expand the size of the cemetery.

At least 52 people have been declared dead, and as body identification got underway Friday, it became apparent that the vast majority of them were civilians, making the hit on Hroza one of the deadliest civilian strikes of the war.

Residents had been attending a funeral reception for a local soldier, Andriy Kozyr, when the missile hit, reducing the cafe and grocery store where they had gathered into a pile of rubble and killing about a sixth of the village population.

If the attack is found to have intentionally targeted the funeral with the knowledge that most attendees were civilians, it could be categorized as a war crime.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky described it as a "fully deliberate terrorist attack."

In the village on Friday, survivors expressed overwhelming grief, confusion and suspicion as they tried to make sense of why a place with no strategic value in the war had suffered such destruction.

Locals said Kozyr's widow and

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Military barracks found in 'substandard' state, GAO report says

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Members of the 4th Combat Aviation Brigade fly over Fort Carson in Colorado Springs. The base was one of those visited by a government watchdog that found widespread condition issues at barracks, though the audit did not identify issues at specific installations by name.

It's hard to "Be All You Can Be," as the U.S. Army's recruiting slogan says, when military housing is not all it should be.

A new audit by the top government watchdog says some barracks, not just in the Army, are so bad that they degrade quality of life and military readiness. The report has drawn bipartisan, bicameral outrage and a blunt admission from the Pentagon.

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) audit highlights three main points:

• Some military living quarters "are substandard" and "pose potentially serious health and safety risks," a problem made worse because the Defense Department's (DOD) "assessments of conditions are unreliable."

• Defense officials can't make informed decisions because they lack complete information about military housing finances. For example: "DOD did not know how much it spent on housing allowances for service members who would normally be required to live in barracks, but did not because of insufficient space or poor living conditions."

• Authorities conduct "insufficient oversight" of military barracks and do not track information on the condition of barracks that's needed to identify and address problems.

Those problems include mold, pests, broken air conditioning, brown drinking water and the failure to meet "minimum privacy and room configuration standards." Residents have complained that poor living conditions "contributed to an environment where theft, property damage, and sexual assault were more likely," according to the report.

Not surprisingly, the GAO said "poor living conditions can have significant effects on reenlistment." The report comes at a bad time for the Army, which said last week that this is the "most challenging recruiting environment in a generation."

With refreshing candor, the Pentagon didn't dodge the issue.

"In return for the commitment and sacrifices that Service members make when they volunteer to defend our nation, the Department of Defense has a moral obligation to ensure that the places they live and work dignify their service," Brendan Owens, an assistant secretary of defense and its chief housing officer, said. "The DOD has, in too many instances, failed to live up to our role in making sure housing for our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Guardians honors their commitment and enables them to bring the best versions of themselves to their critical missions."

Refreshing candor is good, but Congress wants action.

"This is reprehensible, and we expect you to take expeditious and appropriate action to hold those personnel accountable and ensure Service members are receiving the support they might require after that experience," a bipartisan group of lawmakers wrote to Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin. "It is clear that there are failures at all levels. Across the enterprise, personnel are shirking their responsibilities to provide Service members with safe, habitable living spaces."

The breadth of congressional concern was demonstrated by the broad spectrum of the letter's signatories. It was led by Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), and Reps. Jimmy Panetta (D-Calif.) and Jen A. Kiggans (R-Va.) and signed by 17 often ideologically incompatible politicians — from Sens. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Tim Kaine (D-Va.) to Reps. Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.) and Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.).

For a military that relies on foreign intelligence, bad information about its own facilities is one glaring impediment to improving living conditions. The military calculates a "condition score" for each barracks, from 0 to 100, based on building systems such as electrical, plumbing and foundation. But those scores can't be trusted.

At seven of 10 military installations GAO inspectors visited, they found conditions needing significant improvements — but also found the sites had condition scores above 80. One barracks was declared uninhabitable, yet the report said, "at the time the barracks closed, its condition score was above 90." A D.C.-area facility with broken air conditioning in 25 percent of the rooms, 12 broken windows, a broken elevator and 50 rooms without adequate lighting had a condition score of 86. The audit did not specifically identify either facility and GAO declined a request to release that information, thus saving the bases from embarrassment.

But it did list the 10 facilities where the GAO conducted its performance audit from February 2022 to September 2023. Auditors visited and held discussion groups at two Army installations (Fort George G. Meade in Maryland and Fort Carson in Colorado); two Air Force installations (Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility Washington in Maryland and Joint Base San Antonio); three Navy installations (Naval Support Activity Bethesda in Maryland; Naval Base Coronado in California; and Naval Base San Diego); and three Marine Corps installations (Marine Corps Base Quantico in Virginia; Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego; and Camp Pendleton in California).

Worldwide, the military has nearly 9,000 barracks facilities, almost all government owned. The GAO's review was limited to those housing junior, enlisted service members, unaccompanied by family. Lower-level (a group in the Army that includes privates through E-5-level sergeants), unaccompanied personnel are required to live in barracks. Some barracks look like college dormitories, which is what the Air Force calls them, though others have rows of beds in long, large rooms.

Illustrating just how desperate the situation can be, some "service members required to live in barracks sometimes take drastic action," the GAO was told, "such as getting married, just to leave the barracks."

The report's 31 recommendations include increased oversight of barracks programs and improved guidance on barracks condition assessments. The Defense Department agreed with 23 of them and partially agreed with the remaining eight. That's not quite good enough for the GAO, which said it "continues to believe DOD should fully implement all of these recommendations."

This is not the first time the GAO said it has "reported on long-standing concerns regarding challenges with persistent military housing conditions, deferred facility maintenance, and aging infrastructure." In 2002 and 2003, it documented problems in most barracks used for initial training, including inadequate heating and air conditioning, poor ventilation and plumbing problems. Last year, a GAO report said that for many years, the Pentagon's facilities needs were not fully funded, "resulting in a backlog of at least $137 billion in deferred maintenance costs, as of fiscal year 2020 — a significant and growing risk to the department's ability to support its missions."

Owens promised his office will do better.

Addressing a portion of his statement directly to service members, Owens said: "I commit to act. I will move out aggressively to increase oversight and accountability in government-owned unaccompanied housing and to address unacceptable living conditions impacting our service members. … We will improve our responsiveness to your concerns as we strive to ensure a living experience that enhances your well-being and readiness."

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President Barack Obama holds a printed-out meme while sitting in the Oval Office with national security adviser Tom Donilon the day after the raid that killed Osama bin Laden in May 2011.

• A photo caption with the Revealing Records column in the Oct. 6 A-section misidentified the man accompanying President Barack Obama. It was Tom Donilon, not Bill Daley. The photo is reprinted above with a corrected caption.

• An Oct. 4 A-section article incorrectly said the amicus brief filed by the Mortgage Bankers Association in a Supreme Court case involving the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau was submitted on the government's behalf. The brief was not submitted on behalf of either party.

• In some Oct. 2 editions, the continuation of a Page One article about efforts to oust Rep. Kevin McCarthy as House speaker incorrectly said Rep. Kelly Armstrong represents South Dakota. He represents North Dakota.

• A Sept. 30 Page One article about the death of Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) incorrectly said that she died Sept. 28, based on an incorrect statement from her office. Sen. Feinstein died at approximately 2 a.m. on Sept. 29, her office later said.

• A June 10 Metro article about a wave of nature-focused spirituality and religion incorrectly said that Princeton University offers a master's degree in theology and ecology. Princeton Theological Seminary is the school that offers the program.

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Democrats end Iowa caucuses' first-in-nation role

Decision ends years-long fight over state's place in selecting a nominee

BY TYLER PAGER AND MICHAEL SCHERER

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Problems with Iowa Democrats' caucuses in 2020 angered party leaders already dubious of the state's oversize role in the process.

ST. LOUIS — The Democratic Party officially dislodged Iowa from its prized status as the first state in the presidential nominating process Friday, approving the state Democratic Party's plan to release their results on Super Tuesday next year.

The decision ends a nearly two-year fight over Iowa's place in selecting a Democratic nominee, which resulted in a complete overhaul of the calendar. President Biden and his aides elevated South Carolina to the first spot, followed by New Hampshire and Nevada a week later, and then Michigan. The original plan called for Georgia holding a primary just before Michigan, but Democrats in that state were unable to move up their date, because of Republican opposition.

The approval Friday moves Iowa out of the early window of the presidential nominating process, but the Democratic National Committee's rules and bylaws panel did not resolve outstanding issues with New Hampshire, which has a state law mandating that it hold the first presidential primary.

New Hampshire has refused to relinquish its spot to South Carolina, setting up a conflict with the national party, and members of the DNC bylaws committee warned states Friday about potential sanctions should they not abide by the order adopted by the national party.

As part of Iowa's new plan, Democratic voters can sign up to receive a presidential preference card — to be mailed starting Jan. 12 — or participate in an in-person precinct caucus on Jan. 15, the same date as Republicans. The party will not release the results of their mail-in caucus until Super Tuesday on March 5, and any cards postmarked on or before that day will be accepted.

That plan received conditional compliance from the DNC bylaws committee Friday at the national party's fall meeting in St. Louis.

Iowa Democrats, however, are holding out hope that they can return to the early window for the 2028 presidential nominating process.

"I am pleased to have repeated reassurance from the co-chairs and this committee that the presidential nominating calendar discussions will once again be opened up for 2028, where I expect Iowa to compete strongly for a significant voice in the selection of the Democratic nominee as we have for years," Rita Hart, the chair of the Iowa Democratic Party, wrote in a letter to the committee.

Minyon Moore, the co-chair of the rules and bylaws committee, confirmed the DNC intends to review the presidential calendar again for 2028.

In New Hampshire, officials have long given Iowa significant leeway to go first because its caucus process differs in important ways from a primary election, though there were some concerns that Iowa's revised plan could have triggered New Hampshire to jump earlier and create chaos in the coming months of the Republican primary campaign.

"While I am not yet ready to set the date of the New Hampshire Presidential Primary, the news out of Iowa as to how the Democrats plan to conduct their presidential nominating event is positive in terms of preserving the traditional positions of the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire Presidential Primary," New Hampshire Secretary of State David Scanlan (R) said in a statement.

New Hampshire has been planning for a primary, at a date not yet determined, in January.

The status of Iowa was imperiled in 2020 after a botched caucus process, which delayed reporting of results and infuriated party leaders who were already dismayed by the state's dearth of racial diversity, the rightward drift of its voters and the leftward drift of its Democratic caucus-goers. Biden lost the state to Donald Trump by eight percentage points in 2020, after coming in a distant fourth in the Democratic caucuses.

Iowa Republicans have been concerned that Democrats could force changes to the caucus date, leading to a breakdown in the relationship in between the two state parties, which have a history of coordinating to promote Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucuses.

"Constant and repeated attempts to thwart Iowa's cherished First-in-the-Nation Caucus is nothing new," Jeff Kaufmann, chair of the Iowa Republican Party, said in a statement. "While there have been different tactics deployed this year — including the complicity and incompetence of the Iowa Democratic Party — the Republican Party of Iowa and the Republican National Committee will continue to steadfastly defend our half-century-old carveout system, to ensure the triumph of grassroots democracy that ultimately strengthens our presidential nominating process."

Scherer reported from Washington.

POLITICS & THE NATION

Ohio's GOP supermajority tests limits of democracy before abortion vote

BY ANNIE GOWEN

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Ohioans celebrate the defeat in August of a proposal that would have made it more difficult for voters to amend the state constitution. To many people, abortion was the clear catalyst. On Nov. 7. voters will at last decide whether to guarantee abortion rights.

COLUMBUS, OHIO — In state after state since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, Democrats and their abortion rights allies have won victories over Republicans and others who oppose abortion. The latest battleground is Ohio, where a GOP supermajority has fought to consolidate its power in ways that critics — even some within the party — say threatens democracy.

Republican leaders here repeatedly defied directives from the state's highest court to fix gerrymandered electoral maps, leaving the process in chaos and residents voting in districts with unconstitutional boundaries. They enacted more restrictive voter laws that hurt younger, less affluent Ohioans. And they're now attempting to strip the state school board of its powers after Democrats gained control in last November's election.

"Ohio is a case study in undermining democracy," said David Niven, an associate professor of politics at the University of Cincinnati who has done research on gerrymandering. "You're talking about the nation's strictest voter ID law and state-of-the-art gerrymandering, and when that proved insufficient a proposed constitutional amendment to render majorities irrelevant."

That change to the state constitution, had it succeeded in August, would have made passing amendments more difficult by requiring 60 percent of votes cast instead of a simple majority. To many people, abortion was the clear catalyst: As organizers were collecting signatures for an amendment protecting abortion rights, the legislature scheduled a special election to try to ensure their ultimate defeat.

Interest groups spent $54 million in the battle that erupted. Opponents leaned heavily into the potential threat to democracy in television ads, with one from the coalition One Person, One Vote accusing "corrupt" politicians of "stripping freedom from 'We, the People.'" The measure was defeated by 14 points amid huge voter turnout, with more than a third of eligible voters participating.

"It was a power grab, period," said Betty Montgomery, a Republican and former state attorney general who opposed the special election. The result, she noted, would have weakened citizens' ability to circumvent the legislature — "a necessary part of the checks and balances in a democracy, especially when there is a supermajority, to assure the public is heard."

Both sides expect millions more in funding to pour into the state between now and Nov. 7, when voters will at last decide whether to guarantee abortion rights. There is intense national interest in the proposed amendment, which would ensure abortion is legal until the fetus is viable, about 24 weeks, or beyond that time frame to protect a pregnant patient's "life and health." Abortion is legal in Ohio up to 22 weeks of pregnancy since a measure to ban abortion at six weeks was blocked by a judge last October.

Ohio is the most recent test in the abortion rights movement's push to have voters resolve the issue. Those in other red states such as Kansas and Kentucky have shored up protections in the past 14 months. A July poll from USA Today and Suffolk University found that 58 percent of Ohioans backed the proposed amendment, and 32 percent opposed.

But Senate President Matt Huffman (R) says it would be a "mistake" to think the resounding defeat of August's constitutional amendment — which drew wide bipartisan support, even in some traditionally Republican districts — means the pro-abortion forces have a lock on winning in November. That "assumes that the voters aren't even reading what's in front of them," he added.

Ohio was once a pivotal swing state. Yet it has grown reliably red in recent years, with Donald Trump winning each of the past two presidential races by eight percentage points and the GOP enjoying unassailable power in the legislature, the governor's office and statewide elected nonjudicial offices.

"We can kind of do what we want," Huffman told a Columbus Dispatch reporter last year.

His offhand comment still resonates in political circles in Columbus and throughout the state. In a recent interview with The Washington Post, he dismissed as "ludicrous" criticism that the Republican-controlled legislature has been impinging on people's rights.

"Here's what I meant by that, and I would laugh to see you actually put this in the newspaper," Huffman said. "We have a majority in the House and in the Senate, and they're unified and believe the same things, and we're able to put through legislation that the people want."

Even so, the gamesmanship continues.

Republican Secretary of State Frank LaRose — who is running for the U.S. Senate next year, hoping to oust incumbent Sherrod Brown (D) — won a skirmish Sept. 20 when the state's conservative Supreme Court approved the bulk of the summary language that will appear on the ballot.

LaRose wrote a summary for the state's ballot that was longer than the amendment itself and replaced the word "fetus" with "unborn child," among other edits challenged in court. The actual amendment language states that every individual "has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions," including on contraception, fertility treatment, miscarriage and abortion.

"This was about playing games with an election, not about playing around with the language that goes directly into the Ohio Constitution," said Catherine Turcer, the executive director of Common Cause Ohio and a member of the Ohio Voter Rights Coalition's steering committee.

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Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine (R) signs legislation four years ago imposing some of the nation's toughest abortion restrictions.

The supermajority's actions have mirrored those of supermajorities in other states. Tennessee legislators in August turned their back on their own GOP governor, as well as the wishes of a majority of Tennessee voters, and refused to take any significant action on gun control. The session on public safety cost taxpayers an estimated $420,000.

The Ohio legislature voted to hold this summer's special election — which cost taxpayers more than $20 million — just months after passing a law that banned most special elections on grounds that they are costly and ineffective. Republican leaders denied that their effort was about abortion and contended that the idea of upping the margin to alter the constitution had been around for years. Huffman said he served on a 2017 bipartisan commission that voted "unanimously" to raise the margin of victory needed for constitutional amendments, when in fact the panel tabled that proposal amid much outcry.

"It's my belief that the Republican majority in the Ohio House and the Ohio Senate are pushing the envelope are far as it could possibly be pushed to maintain supermajority control of the legislature and the congressional delegation," said Mike Curtin, a former editor of the Columbus Dispatch and co-author of the "Ohio Politics Almanac," who served two terms as a Democratic state representative.

The party's actions in recent years suggest as much. Though voters in 2015 and 2018 approved constitutional amendments designed to make the process of drawing districts for both the legislature and Congress more fair, the 2021 redistricting process erupted in chaos when the GOP-led redistricting commission repeatedly pressed forward with state legislative maps found to be unconstitutional by the state Supreme Court.

"It was a brazen violation of a basic democratic principle — the rule of law," said Steven H. Steinglass, dean emeritus at Cleveland State University College of Law. "It was an egregious dereliction of their duty."

The court also rejected a legislative plan for congressional boundaries, meaning voters went to the polls in 2022 with flawed boundaries for both their congressional and state representatives.

Huffman countered that the justices were ordering changes that were outside of their role, essentially legislating the new maps from the bench. "The system we have in place will work if we don't have an interventionist Supreme Court," he said.

In 2021, GOP leaders also passed a law making appellate and Supreme Court races partisan for the time in more than a century. The outcome of the 2022 midterms gave the court a conservative majority, which already included the governor's son R. Patrick DeWine, who never recused himself from ruling on the maps' boundaries. Former Supreme Court chief justice Maureen O'Connor, who sided with Democratic justices on the redistricting maps, is now leading an effort to put a constitutional amendment on the 2024 ballot requiring a citizen-led commission to draw future voting maps.

The court recently dismissed two lawsuits challenging the state's congressional map, clearing the way for flawed boundaries to be used again in next year's elections. Given the court's makeup, the League of Women Voters and other groups decided to withdraw their lawsuits and throw their energy and support to O'Connor's efforts. The redistricting commission last week reached a compromise on the state legislative maps — but Democrats argue that Republicans still have an unfair advantage.

When asked why lawmakers in his party seem to be moving so aggressively, former governor Bob Taft replied, "You'll have to ask them, but I guess they might say they do this because they can."

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Amazon launches its first internet satellites in bid to compete with Starlink

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A United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket lifts off Friday in Cape Canaveral, Fla., carrying a pair of prototype satellites for a space-based internet service that Amazon calls Project Kuiper.

Amazon stretched its reach to space on Friday, sending its first two internet satellites to orbit, a key step toward building out a constellation of more than 3,000 satellites that it hopes will compete with SpaceX's Starlink system to provide online access to millions without it.

The pair of prototype satellites were launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., at 2:06 p.m. on an Atlas V rocket operated by the United Launch Alliance, the joint venture of Boeing and Lockheed Martin. It was not immediately clear after the launch if the satellites were in their correct orbits and functioning properly. An Amazon spokesperson declined to comment.

Over the coming days and weeks, Amazon hopes to use the satellites to "add real-world data from space to years of data collected from lab and field testing" as it works to put up the rest of its Kuiper constellation, the company said in a blog post.

"We've done extensive testing here in our lab and have a high degree of confidence in our satellite design. But there's no substitute for on-orbit testing," Rajeev Badyal, Kuiper's vice president of technology, said in the post. "This is Amazon's first time putting satellites into space, and we're going to learn an incredible amount regardless of how the mission unfolds."

Amazon, which has said it intends to invest more than $10 billion in the network, hopes to launch its first production satellites during the first half of next year and begin preliminary testing with commercial customers by the end of 2024. Under its license from the Federal Communications Commission, it must launch half of the 3,236 satellites it foresees in the constellation by July 2026. (Amazon founder Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post. Interim Post CEO Patty Stonesifer is a member of Amazon's board.)

The goal is to connect the many millions of people in rural and remote areas without access to broadband. The system works by beaming internet signals from the satellites to small ground terminals.

Amazon executives see the Kuiper network as an eventual competitor to SpaceX's Starlink service, which has grown quickly and has become a lifeline in Ukraine, as well a flash point for controversy. SpaceX founder Elon Musk did not want it used for offensive drone attacks and declined to turn it on within 100 kilometers of the Crimean coast, which hampered a Ukrainian attack on Russian forces. But it will take several years to fully build out Amazon's system and give Musk real competition.

Not only is Amazon under deadline pressure, the company has awarded contracts to launch the bulk of its Kuiper network on a trio of rockets — Blue Origin's New Glenn, ULA's Vulcan, and Arianespace's Ariane 6 — that have faced repeated delays and have yet to fly. Bezos also owns Blue Origin.

Those launch contracts spurred a lawsuit, filed in August by an Amazon shareholder, that alleges the company breached its fiduciary duty by failing to consider giving the launch business to SpaceX, one of the most affordable and reliable launch providers in the world.

"By excluding SpaceX, Bezos and his management team minimized bid competition for the launch agreements and likely committed Amazon to spending hundreds of millions of dollars more than it would have otherwise had to," the suit says. It also alleges that part of the reason Amazon didn't use SpaceX was because of the rivalry between Bezos and SpaceX founder Elon Musk. "Given their bitter track record, Bezos had every reason to exclude Musk's SpaceX form the process entirely," the lawsuit says. "And Bezos, it must be assumed, could not swallow his pride to seek his bitter rival's help to launch Amazon's satellites."

Amazon has denied the allegations. "The claims in this lawsuit are completely without merit, and we look forward to showing that through the legal process," a spokesperson said. In an interview with Washington Post Live last year, Dave Limp, Amazon's senior vice president for devices and services, said the company was "open to talking to SpaceX. You'd be crazy not to, given their track record." Limp was recently named the chief executive of Blue Origin, a position he is expected to assume in December.

SpaceX, meanwhile, has taken a massive lead with its Starlink system. It has nearly 5,000 satellites operating in orbit, and the company, which has launched 70 times already this year, has been able to launch them rapidly on its Falcon 9 rocket. The company has said its system is working in more than 60 countries and has more than 2 million active customers. Last month, SpaceX also won a Pentagon contract worth up to $70 million for its Starshield system, the military version of Starlink.

Still, Amazon is confident it will be able to compete.

"There are literally hundreds of millions of customers around the world that don't have access to great broadband. … I think there's plenty of room for two great constellations," Limp told The Post last year.

Amazon believes it has an advantage by building on its already massive customer base, as well as its cloud computing business, Amazon Web Services, which it has said should help the company deliver high-speed internet.

Families crossing at record rates

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host the Democratic National Convention next year, the mayor is planning to erect winterized tents because the shelters are bursting. Migrants are camped out at O'Hare International Airport and on the tile-floor lobbies of neighborhood police precincts, some spilling onto the sidewalks outside.

"This is insane," said Annie Gomberg, the lead organizer for volunteers at one of the city's police stations, for which a friend had recruited her in April to arrange donations of blankets, food and supplies for migrants, including a rising number of families with small children. "We can't keep doing this."

Biden officials had warned that border crossings could soar after they lifted in May the coronavirus restrictions known as Title 42. They expanded opportunities for migrants to arrive legally, and they threatened tougher penalties for crossing the border illegally. When unlawful entries initially fell, the administration touted the decline as evidence that the president's plan was working.

But the post-Title 42 upheaval they feared is now underway, driven by record numbers of migrant families primarily from Latin America surrendering to U.S. agents, the first step in seeking asylum. The legal channels Biden officials created to discourage unlawful crossings are being challenged by critics in court.

The consequences Biden officials threatened to impose on those who break the law — including rapid deportations — have done little to deter families who say they are fleeing poverty or violence. For both legal and logistical reasons, families are generally not detained or deported.

Biden administration officials say they are grappling with a migration surge spanning the hemisphere and are getting little help from Congress, which for years has failed to pass broad new immigration laws and, since Biden took office, has ignored his exhortations to create more legal immigration pathways to relieve labor shortages and improve border security.

Department of Homeland Security officials said they have channeled more than $1 billion to U.S. cities and towns to provide shelter and services for migrants. Officials, citing unsafe conditions in Venezuela, also granted temporary legal status to nearly half a million Venezuelans, making them eligible for work permits and hopefully able to exit strained city shelters.

Biden officials said Thursday that they had reached a deal with the Venezuelan government to resume direct deportation flights for those who arrive illegally and do not qualify for U.S. protection.

But Venezuelans accounted for only 12 percent of the more than half a million parents and children the government encountered at the border from October through August.

Blas Nuñez-Neto, the top border and immigration policy official at the Department of Homeland Security, said in September after a work trip to Latin America that he was horrified to see children in diapers with little food and water traversing the rugged Darién Gap jungle linking Colombia and Panama.

He said governments have an imperative to stop the risky jungle crossings and lamented that "political extremes" in Congress have blocked changes to U.S. immigration laws. Because the system is so backlogged, migrants can cross the border illegally, claim a fear of persecution, and live and work legally in the United States for years with little fear of deportation.

Adult men dominated past migrant streams, but now record numbers of families are arriving from all over the world, in many cases without contacts in the United States who are willing to take them in. Biden administration officials say that is why they are expanding legal options for migrants, allowing them to avoid dangerous crossings by scheduling appointments to arrive using a mobile app. Or they can find U.S. residents willing to sponsor them.

Those arriving illegally are often rushed onto buses heading from the border to other cities, where they end up homeless in places such as Chicago.

At Chicago's 15th District police station recently, a newborn dozed on a rainbow-print blanket laid on the floor near the reception desk. Nearby, families slept on donated yoga mats and comforters, wedged between stacks of suitcases.

Children are enrolling in school after long absences during their sojourns from their home countries. There was even a family dog, a tiny, golden-haired mutt who one family said they hauled from Venezuela to the U.S.-Mexico border.

Some families slept on the sidewalk because the station's lobby was full. Among them was Marioxi Leon and her four children aged 2 to 15. The family snuggled together under a plastic sheet on a rainy day.

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Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R) has been sending migrants from the border to jurisdictions such as Illinois, which have policies that protect undocumented immigrants from being deported. Sanctuary states also allow undocumented immigrants to apply for driver's licenses and pay in-state tuition at colleges.

Chicago Alderman Andre Vasquez, a Democrat who chairs the city council's Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights, said in an interview that the city has stood by its support for immigrants. But, he said, the Biden administration must expand aid to cities and provide work authorization to more immigrant groups.

Officials should not expect help from Republicans, he said, worrying that they will send even more buses north during the convention.

"This is squarely on the president. Congress is not going to do it," said Vasquez, whose parents are immigrants from Guatemala.

"The Republican Party wants to make the Democratic Party look like a disaster, to make Chicago look like a disaster, and the president look like a disaster, as you're heading into a presidential election," Vasquez said. "That's why it's imperative that the president take those steps now."

The Biden administration says it is continuing to strictly enforce immigration laws at the border, and families are not immune. But its enforcement initiatives are not keeping up with the volume of arrivals.

More than 800,000 migrants crossed illegally between May and September. Authorities deported about 295,000 during that span, a senior administration official told reporters Thursday.

More than 285,000 parents and children have arrived since May, but only 36,000 had been deported as of Sept. 21, according to DHS.

Families are a challenge for U.S. immigration enforcement because federal courts prohibit the long-term detention of minors. The Trump administration attempted to curb family arrivals by prosecuting parents and taking their children away — actions widely decried as violations of human rights. Trump officials then devised the "Remain in Mexico" policy, which Biden ended, to make asylum seekers wait outside the United States for a hearing.

Biden officials ended family detention in 2021. Instead, the administration is expanding a fast-track deportation program called Family Expedited Removal Management, or "FERM." The goal is to complete asylum cases in 30 days or less, an extraordinary acceleration in a system that can take years.

Migrants in this program are able to leave their homes during the day, but they are subject to GPS monitoring and curfews from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

More than 3,400 family members — less than 2 percent of new arrivals — have been enrolled in FERM, the latest DHS figures showed. Administration officials say those numbers will rise as they expand the program nationwide.

At Chicago's immigration court on the 15th floor of a downtown high-rise, the hallways were packed with families on a recent school day. Parents pushed strollers, and a baby clutched a rattle as her mother, toting a Minnie Mouse diaper bag, awaited a hearing.

Most people were in regular asylum proceedings, and often had months, even years, to find lawyers who could gather evidence, interview witnesses, and argue their cases at a full hearing or on appeal.

But migrants in FERM do not get a full hearing, unless they can persuade an immigration judge to give them one, leaving them with little time to seek help.

In one courtroom, a woman from Honduras in the FERM program arrived late for her court appearance because she lived two hours away by bus. A GPS tracking device blinked on her right ankle.

An immigration judge gave her two days to find a lawyer. She appeared nervous and confused, and the court interpreter asked if Spanish was her first language. She said it was.

After the hearing, the woman said in an interview that she had a third-grade education and was not sure what was happening to her case.

Two days later, she did not show up for the court appearance.

Judge Sebastian Patti said he ordered her removed from the United States, adding her name to the list of more than 1 million pending deportation orders.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) warned in September that children represent about 1 in 4 migrants moving within Latin America and the Caribbean, one of the highest shares in the world, and urged governments to create policies that are in the children's best interests.

Republicans in the United States often complain of an "invasion" at the southern border, while the Biden administration is restricting asylum and promoting enforcement.

"There's not a recognition that these are very often children with families," UNICEF policy specialist Rhonda Fleischer said.

The National Immigrant Justice Center, a national legal nonprofit based in Chicago, and other groups have welcomed the Biden administration's legal pathways, but they urged officials to shut down FERM, saying it risks deporting migrants to places they could be persecuted.

Center lawyers Matthew McGuire and Lisa Koop scrambled one recent day to defend John, 39, and Viv, 36, who asked that their surnames be withheld to protect them and their relatives in Colombia, in the accelerated deportation program. The couple, who have two children, had days to find a lawyer in a city they barely knew.

Viv said in an interview that she had been raped by a guerrilla member she had helped send to prison early in the country's 52-year civil war. When he got out recently she said, he attacked her again. The couple fled to Mexico and crossed the Rio Grande to seek asylum in the United States. At the initial interview, Viv said, she froze. The asylum officer wanted shorter answers, she said.

Viv had never told anyone that she was raped — "I had tried to forget it," she said — until the lawyer urged her to tell the immigration judge in August. The judge granted her request for a full hearing, in 2026, sparing the family for now.

Koop said hundreds of other migrants could face similar circumstances.

"There's just so much room for error, and the system is not built to manage this," Koop said. "This is not set up to identify viable asylum claims. This is set up to deport families."

Other critics of programs like FERM say they aren't rigorous enough to stop migrants from absconding when courts reject their protection claims and order them to leave the United States. DHS officials say most families are complying with the program.

Biden officials in August proposed a more-restrictive model that would assign migrant families to "community residential centers," housing facilities where they would be required to stay for several months while their asylum cases were completed.

A White House supplemental funding request asked Congress to allow U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to set up and operate the facilities, where migrants would have access to medical services, legal assistance, counseling, and educational and recreational programming.

Asylum seekers would be allowed to come and go during the day, a provision that administration officials believe would exempt the facilities from the 20-day limit set by federal courts on the amount of time children can be held in immigration detention.

The White House request did not say how much the administration plans to spend on the facilities nor where they would be located. Officials involved in formulating the proposal said they have looked at using hotels along the southern border, or military barracks.

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TOP: Marioxi Leon and her four children, 2 to 15, slept on a sidewalk in Chicago last month because the police station's lobby was full. Leon said that they had fled Venezuela after she criticized the government and received threats and that they had crossed the border in August. She was worried about her children sleeping on the streets. "I'm afraid they're going to get sick," she said.

LEFT: Venezuelan migrant Sofia del Carmen Valderrama de Garcia wears a GPS ankle monitor. The Biden administration says it is continuing to strictly enforce immigration laws at the border, and families are not immune. But its enforcement initiatives are not keeping up with the volume of arrivals. More than 800,000 migrants crossed illegally between May and September. Authorities deported about 295,000 during that span, a senior administration said.

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Data reveals D.C.'s uneven record of handling harassment

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TOP: D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser addresses reporters about the investigation into sexual harassment allegations against former Deputy Mayor John Falcicchio on June 21. ABOVE: At-large D.C. Council members Anita Bonds (D) and Kenyan R. McDuffie (I) pledged to hold hearings or use their oversight authority to investigate the scope of sexual harassment, including workplace culture within the Office of the Deputy Mayor of Planning and Economic Development, which Falcicchio led.

them in several places, such as the D.C. Office of Human Rights — but it does record all complaints investigated under the mayor's policy.

Of the 290 complaints that The Post reviewed from December 2017 through June 2023, just under 30 percent were substantiated in full or in part — including a case in which 11 women accused a Department of Health employee they nicknamed "Perv" of inappropriate touching and conversations as well as "masturbation by placing his hands inside his pant pockets during face-to-face meetings."

About 40 percent of complaints were unsubstantiated or were found inconclusive. This includes some cases where investigators believed that the alleged conduct did happen, but agency leaders didn't think it rose to the level of sexual harassment. For example, the Department of Human Services found that an employee probably slapped a woman's behind while she was talking to a colleague, but the agency didn't think it was a violation of the order.

The results show how judgment calls about whether alleged harassment is "severe" enough can lead to inconsistent enforcement of a well-intentioned policy, according to employment attorneys who reviewed the set of complaints at The Post's request. The costs of sexual harassment can reverberate beyond victims, too, with D.C. taxpayers footing the bill if a complaint results in a settlement or judgment. In fact, a federal jury in mid-September entered a $700,000 judgment against D.C. after finding the city failed to take necessary steps to protect the victim, a former Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) social worker, from sexual harassment in a D.C. public school.

The city did not make any officials available to speak on the record about the policy. But in a statement from Bowser's office provided by a spokeswoman, the administration said it was working on several changes "to further improve and refine what is already one of the most progressive sexual harassment policies in the country." The updates are expected "soon."

For example, Bowser (D) is expected to amend the policy to broaden the definition of sexual harassment to align with a 2022 D.C. law, eliminating the 2017 standard that sexual harassment has to be "severe and pervasive" enough to create a hostile working environment. Multiple attorneys, including within D.C. government, described that as a positive and overdue change, especially considering the high bar that alleged victims have had to clear to show that they'd been harassed.

At an unrelated news conference Monday afternoon, Bowser told reporters she could not say why her administration did not move sooner to update her order's 2017 sexual harassment definition to align with the 2022 D.C. law, but pledged action.

"Honestly I don't know why we didn't," or why it wasn't a focus, Bowser said. "It should happen and it will happen."

The D.C. Council is also expected to take action. A bill from council member Brianne K. Nadeau (D-Ward 1) expected to be considered this fall would require independent investigations of any sexual harassment complaints against mayoral appointees or certain other top-level employees.

At-large council members Anita Bonds (D) and Kenyan R. McDuffie (I) pledged this summer to hold hearings or use their oversight authority to investigate the scope of sexual harassment within District government, including workplace culture within the Office of the Deputy Mayor of Planning and Economic Development, which Falcicchio led. Neither has held a hearing yet, but Bonds said in an interview that she has used the time to collect input from D.C. agencies about how Bowser's 2017 order is being implemented. She said she is planning to schedule a hearing this fall soliciting feedback directly from D.C. employees about their own experiences or opinions about Bowser's order, and said she would withhold judgment on changes she believes are needed until then.

Emily Martin, vice president of education and workplace justice at the National Women's Law Center, said the fact that about 300 employees brought complaints does not necessarily denote a problem. It's positive, she said, if employees are comfortable coming forward — as long as valid complaints result in accountability.

"If employers are getting zero complaints, that's indicative of a problem," she said. "It is a sign of a healthy, functioning workplace culture for people to feel empowered and enabled to come forward with concerns. I think the bigger question is, what happens when people come forward?"

A new order

Bowser unveiled her sexual harassment order in December 2017, months after explosive sexual assault and harassment allegations against Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein birthed the #MeToo movement, prompting public and private entities to revisit their policies. D.C. had not updated its policy since 2004.

The order required every agency to assign a "sexual harassment officer" to investigate complaints, creating multiple reporting avenues for victims. The sexual harassment officers submit their investigative report to the agency's top brass, who determine whether the alleged harasser violated the mayor's order and what discipline should be doled out.

The experience of the DBH social worker that summer underscored exactly why a more robust policy was needed: After months of sexual harassment by an assistant principal at the school where she worked, she struggled to find someone to take her concerns seriously.

The woman, who is called Jane Doe in court documents due to the sensitivity of the case, said she began a consensual sexual relationship with the assistant principal who supervised her soon after she started working at the school that spring. But by July, it was no longer consensual, she said.

That was when the assistant principal began aggressively pursuing her through unnecessary classroom visits and unwelcome calls, texts and lewd photographs, Doe alleged. The assistant principal also groped her breasts and buttocks without consent, even though she told him to stop and made clear she had no interest in a romantic or sexual relationship, according to the lawsuit.

In October 2017, Doe alleged, the assistant principal entered her classroom, locked the door and sexually assaulted her while her students were outside in the hall and as she told him to stop.

Doe's attorney, Michael P. Ellement, said Doe first brought up the harassment with her superior at DBH in September 2017, but her complaints were rebuffed, mishandled or ignored. At one point in early October of that year, when Doe offered to show him texts from the assistant principal as proof, the DBH supervisor responded, "Don't send them to me. I don't want them," according to the complaint. When Doe finally met with the principal, she similarly brushed off Doe's concerns, according to the complaint.

"I felt empowered by the 'MeToo' movement to speak out about what was happening to me at the school, yet I had an enormous amount of fear that I would not be believed or supported if I filed a complaint," she said in a statement to The Post through her attorney. She said those fears materialized. "In my case specifically, I was not believed or supported by my leadership even in the midst of the movement."

It's difficult to assess the impact of Bowser's policy in the case, which Doe described as a "step in the right direction" as long as it's enforced. But by the time the mayor's order took effect and Doe brought a complaint under it in January 2018, she had already been shuffled between two agencies that her attorney says were too slow to respond meaningfully. Later that spring, an internal investigation under the mayor's order substantiated some allegations, but the agency was unable to substantiate others, including the alleged assault, due to a lack of witnesses.

She turned to the courts — and last month, a jury found D.C. "failed to take prompt and effective action" to protect Doe from sexual harassment and, under negligent supervision, the assistant principal committed battery against her. The jury awarded Doe $700,000 in damages.

"The order allows a multitude of ways to complain, which is what my client tried to do. But the [supervisor] did not push it up the chain of command and tell the right people," Ellement said. "So if this system is going to work, you need to be training supervisors to spot sexual harassment and report it when they see it."

DCPS said it could not comment on personnel actions. The Department of Behavioral Health in a statement said it could not comment on this specific case because of ongoing litigation, adding that the agency is "committed to providing a workplace that is free from sexual harassment and investigates all claims promptly and thoroughly."

Tracking troubles

The $700,000 judgment in a sexual harassment case is the largest that The Post — or, via records requests, city officials — have identified in D.C. since at least 2015. When The Post last examined the cost of sexual harassment to D.C. taxpayers, in March 2018, the city had paid at least $735,000 in settlements over the previous three years.

Bowser's administration pledged in 2017 to "centralize" information about sexual harassment complaints and settlements. But nearly six years later, not a single D.C. agency centrally tracks sexual harassment settlements, with responsibilities divided among the attorney general's office, the Office of Risk Management and city administrator.

Through records requests to those agencies and information provided by Bowser's office, The Post compiled an additional 10 sexual harassment settlements since 2018, eight of which resulted in roughly $1 million in payments to the alleged victims; two settlements did not require District funds. A portion of the cases predate Bowser's order, as some took years to reach a conclusion.

A 2020 report from the D.C. auditor warned that a failure to cohesively track settlements and judgments could pose problems for the city in identifying and mitigating risks or patterns of misconduct.

The city has taken positive steps: In 2018, the city administrator issued an order requiring all personnel-related settlements to be routed through the office for approval. But not all settlements identified by The Post appeared in the city administrator's records under that order. While the Office of Risk Management told The Post in 2017 and the auditor in 2020 that it was developing software to centrally track settlements and judgments in all litigation, an update to the auditor this year revealed the work was still incomplete.

Bowser's administration would not answer questions about why the work was unfinished or make Jed Ross, the chief risk management officer, available to answer questions.

Some D.C. Council committees attempt to track sexual harassment complaints and settlements through their oversight role. But a review of performance oversight documents shows that the committees do not ask uniform questions to agencies and sometimes don't ask at all.

Aware of the shortcomings, the council last summer passed a bill that requires the D.C. Office of Human Rights to also compile and submit data on sexual harassment complaints and settlements in one unified report. The first report is due in December.

Council member Robert C. White Jr. (D-At Large) said the bill came to fruition after multiple reports of sexual harassment involving DCPS staff in 2018. But he and his constituents had trouble getting information about the incidents. The city needs to have full transparency, he said, so lawmakers can scope out patterns of alleged harassment and see how agencies are handling the allegations.

"I'm confident that not every agency was collecting the allegations of sexual harassment, and even if they were, I don't think they were giving it to anyone," White said. "The unknowable cost is the number of talented people, overwhelmingly women, who left, or may not want to work in a government that is not properly handling sexual harassment allegations."

'Severe and pervasive'

The legislation moved through the council at the same time as another bill from White that changed the definition of sexual harassment in the D.C. Human Rights Act.

The new law, which became effective in September 2022, acknowledges that an alleged perpetrator's actions "need not be severe or pervasive to constitute harassment," adding that no specific number of incidents or level of egregiousness is required. Martin, the attorney at the National Women's Law Center, said the change put D.C. in line with just five other states that have amended definitions of sexual harassment to "really reflect modern

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understandings and expectations of workplace behavior."

Martin and other attorneys who reviewed the policy said that, while the "severe and pervasive" standard has been the norm nationwide, it's notoriously difficult for victims to prove. And that appeared to explain why in some D.C. government cases since 2017, certain inappropriate conduct or comments were still found not to violate the order.

For example, the Department of Motor Vehicles substantiated allegations from February 2022 that a male employee told a female colleague he would spank her and often had sexual conversations with her and other colleagues, among other things. "However, it was not a violation of the mayor's order," the agency reported for all substantiated allegations.

The case is now in litigation, according to the MOLC.

"The law needed to change because not everybody agreed with the interpretation of what 'severe or pervasive,' meant; it was different for different people," said Lauren A. Khouri, president of the board of directors for the Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association, who reviewed the collection of data from MOLC.

DCPS similarly appeared to struggle to decide whether certain conduct met the "severe and pervasive" standard. The agency accounted for roughly a quarter of all complaints in the MOLC tally since 2017, though over recent years it also made up roughly between a fifth and a quarter of all D.C. employees.

In one inconclusive case, a DCPS employee who was a girls' coach was accused of running his hand down a player's arm as they were walking to the field, and continued after she felt uncomfortable and asked him to stop. In a separate instance he was accused of touching a player's shoulders during a team photo and telling the group to say "sexy mamas" to the camera, which the girls didn't want to do. "Accusations were found to be credible, but the behavior not severe or pervasive enough to violate order," the notes in the tracker say. "Remedial action" was still recommended.

Some cases appeared to incorporate some questionable investigative tactics. An investigation into a male DCPS employee found that he told an unidentified woman, "I'm going to explode in your mouth," after she commented about the bursting tomatoes she was eating for lunch. "This made the [redacted] uncomfortable, but agency couldn't find that this was an inherently sexual statement because the top Google result was related to dentistry." DCPS's ruling on whether it was sexual harassment: Inconclusive.

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D.C. Council member Robert C. White Jr. (D-At Large) talks to voters outside of the Turkey Thicket Recreation Center in 2022.

Other times investigators got hung up on whether an alleged harasser got "mixed signals." A complaint against an employee who repeatedly asked a colleague out on dates even after she said she was not interested, then suggested sex instead, was also found "inconclusive." The reason: "findings could not substantiate whether accused knew the behavior was unwanted or unwelcome" — yet remedial action was suggested considering the accused harasser continued even after the victim specifically said no.

Kera Tyler, a spokeswoman for DCPS, said the agency could not comment on the specific cases, but that it investigates complaints and takes immediate action to "create the safe environment we want to provide for our students and employees."

Michelle Bercovici, an employment attorney who reviewed summaries of the cases for The Post, says the provision of the mayor's order requiring accusers to directly tell or ask a supervisor to tell the harasser that the conduct is unwelcome may be intended to encourage early intervention. But if the burden is too heavy on accusers to prove they have been sexually harassed, Bercovici said that could discourage people from participating and intensify fears of retaliation.

"It makes employees less likely to complain, especially if there's situations where there's been openly inappropriate sexual conduct," she said.

Vanessa Natale, deputy director of the MOLC, welcomed the change in the law that broadened the definition of sexual harassment. "It makes it better and more comfortable for complainants to come forward," she said. "They don't have the burden of proving 'severe and pervasive.'"

The MOLC does not typically investigate harassment complaints, but did investigate the high-profile Falcicchio allegations at Bowser's request and substantiated two complaints of sexual harassment against him. Natale said the MOLC adhered to the standard in the new law in its investigation rather than the 2017 mayor's order.

According to the mayor's office, the D.C. Office of Human rights began training sexual harassment officers and agency lawyers on applying the new definition of sexual harassment last month. Bowser's administration said sexual harassment officers and others will receive additional training after the policy is amended. Some sexual harassment officers submit much more robust investigative reports than others, the statement said, "and it's underscored the need for more training for SHOs and more stability in the SHO corps."

Bowser's office did not confirm any other forthcoming changes to the policy, but a new policy for consensual relationships could be included. Bowser's 2017 order required the human resources department to develop reporting requirements for relationships within a chain of command — but the department never did that, according to the MOLC. The administration did not answer when asked why not.

Discipline is not frequently recorded in the MOLC's tracker in substantiated cases, which attorneys who reviewed the cases for The Post said made it difficult to assess how harassers or managers were being held accountable under the order. Outcomes of investigations are also not recorded in about a quarter of cases in MOLC's tracker. Natale acknowledged gaps in the tracker, though stressed that the absence of information doesn't mean no action was taken or investigations were not completed.

Natale said discipline is often tailored in each case and can range from verbal counseling to more serious action such as suspension or termination.

The bulk of complaints were filed in the first two years of the policy's existence — nearly 200 through 2019. They began to drop off in 2020, coinciding with the pandemic as many employees began working from home.

"I know people don't like the idea that there is a lot of sexual harassment complaints, Natale said. But, she said, it shows people know that the agency will investigate every claim, big or small. "Maybe it'll make someone think before they say something."

At times, the complaints in the MOLC's tracker illustrate plainly how Bowser's order caused city government workers to think differently about harassment — though some, apparently, didn't have a complete grasp.

At a Department of Transportation meeting in May 2018, for example, an employee told men in the room that they "needed to be careful" now that the new policy was in effect. But the women in the room received a different message, according to the complaint: If they "dressed like a 'ho,'" the employee told them, "they are going to be treated like a 'ho.' "

Months later, the employee was written up for violating the policy.

Trump gets reprieve from losing control of his companies in N.Y.

Cancellation of licenses after fraud ruling is put on hold after appeal

BY SHAYNA JACOBS

NEW YORK — A New York state appellate judge Friday temporarily blocked the revocation of the Trump Organization's state business certificates ordered last week when a trial judge found Donald Trump and his company liable for fraud.

Associate Justice Peter H. Moulton's ruling calls for at least a temporary pause in the start of a receivership process and the dissolution of the Trump Organization and related entities ordered in a Sept. 26 summary judgment decision by New York Supreme Court Justice Arthur Engoron. Moulton denied Trump's emergency request to halt his ongoing civil trial on other fraud claims.

Trump lawyer Christopher Kise argued at an emergency hearing at the New York Supreme Court Appellate Division's First Department that several entities not named in the lawsuit were ordered dissolved and that it was unconstitutional.

He also said irreparable harm would be done to significant parts of his client's hospitality, golf resort and real estate businesses if the state shuttered Trump's entities. "We are very pleased the First Department upheld New York law and put a halt to any cancellation of business certificates, receivers or dissolution," Kise said in a statement after the court arguments. "The trial court's attempt to reach issues, entities and assets beyond the scope of this case has been suspended."

New York Attorney General Letitia James (D) said in a statement released after court arguments that her office proposed working with the defense to allow more time for compliance with the Engoron order without the need for an appellate court ruling.

"Unsurprisingly, [Trump] is twisting this ruling and falsely claiming victory for a resolution we proposed," James said.

Moulton's ruling puts on hold the cancellation of licensing that gives Trump authority to conduct business in New York. Arguments on the merits of those and other restrictions on Trump's businesses imposed by Engoron will be filed in the coming weeks and evaluated by a full panel.

Under Engoron's order, a collection of Trump entities are expected to be taken over by a court-appointed receiver and dissolved. Under Friday's appellate order, the parties must still submit receivership recommendations, which will begin the dissolution process.

Engoron's decision to shut down Trump entities means Trump's New York properties, including Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue, may ultimately be sold by the receiver.

James sued Trump and other defendants last year for $250 million and for further restrictions on the Trump Organization's ability to operate in the state.

The first week of the trial in James's case against Trump, current and former executives, and the company ended Friday. The former president and 2024 candidate attended the proceedings for three days in a row, holding news conferences in the hallways and claiming he has been unjustly treated.

The trial is expected to determine whether there was intent to commit several crimes by Trump and others while they allegedly engaged in a long-running scheme to deceive lenders and insurance companies.

James's office said in court Friday that it was open to discussing a postponement of the takeover that Engoron ordered but did not believe the defense would ultimately prevail on getting the restrictions overturned.

The trial will continue as scheduled next week. Dozens of witnesses, including Trump, are expected to testify during the trial.

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Trump endorses Jim Jordan for House speaker after McCarthy's ouster

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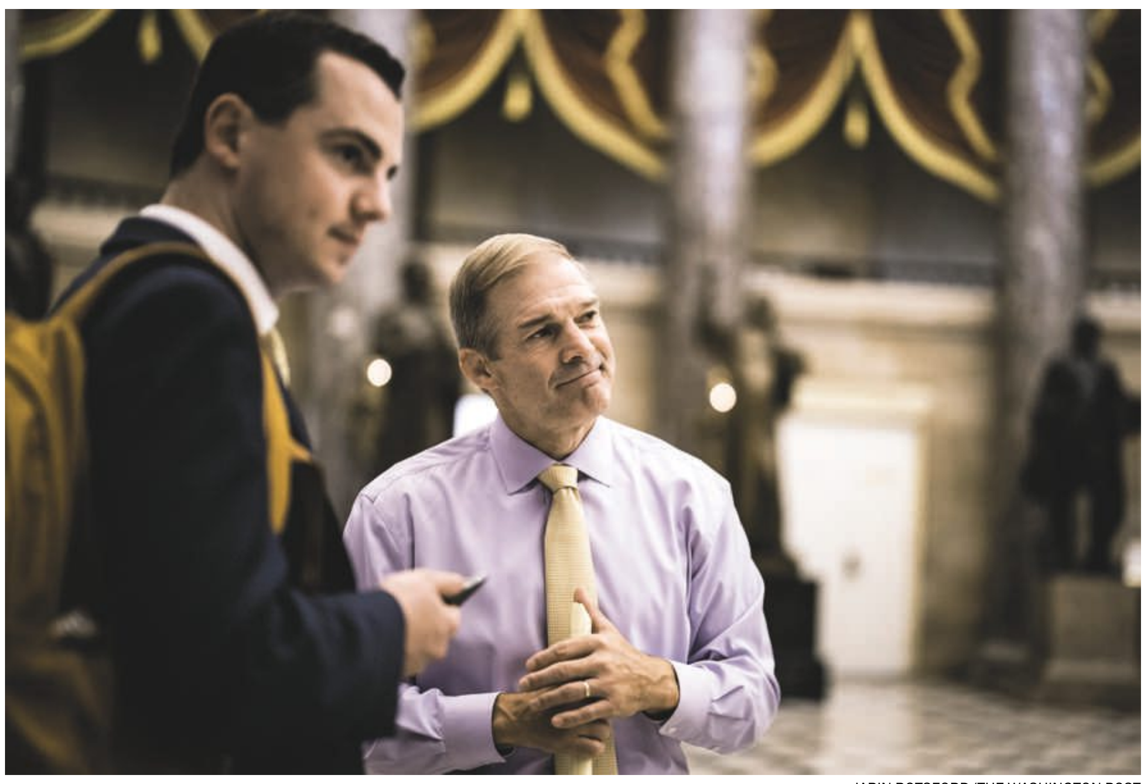

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Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) at the Capitol after the House voted to remove Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) from the speaker's role. Jordan was the first to publicly share his plans to run for the position.

Former president Donald Trump is throwing his support behind Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) to become House speaker after Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) was ousted in a rebellion by far-right Republicans.

In an early-morning post Friday on his social media platform Truth Social, Trump said Jordan had his "complete" and "total" endorsement. "He will be a GREAT Speaker of the House," Trump posted. "He is STRONG on Crime, Borders, our Military/Vets, & 2nd Amendment."

Jordan, chairman of the powerful House Judiciary Committee, has been a vocal Trump supporter. He became the first person this week to publicly share his plans to run for speaker, giving reporters an emphatic "yes" when asked Wednesday whether he would seek to lead the chamber. Rep. Steve Scalise (R-La.), the House majority leader and another Trump supporter, also announced that he would run for speaker.

House Republicans are searching for a replacement to the first speaker voted out in U.S. history as McCarthy said he would not seek it again.

Becoming speaker — a position second in line to the presidency — requires a majority vote in the full House, and support from both the far-right and moderate factions of the fractured GOP, assuming no Democrats come on board.

Apart from Jordan and Scalise, Rep. Kevin Hern (R-Okla.), who leads a large faction of conservatives as chairman of the Republican Study Committee, has said some Republicans have asked him to consider running for speaker and that he is weighing it. Several other Republicans have also not ruled out bids when the House returns next week.

Jordan, Scalise and Hern were scheduled to appear Monday night on anchor Bret Baier's program on Fox News for what the network was advertising as a discussion among the speaker hopefuls. But the event was called off, Baier announced Friday afternoon.

House Republicans plan to hear from the candidates on Capitol Hill on Tuesday. In addition, announced speakership candidates were invited to an in-person candidate forum early next week hosted by the Republican Governance Group, a coalition of moderate House Republicans. According to an email sent to group members that was obtained by The Washington Post, each candidate participating in the forum will be given 10 minutes to pitch members and 15 minutes for questions.

Hakeem Jeffries (N.Y.), the top Democrat in the House, said in an opinion essay for The Washington Post on Friday that a bipartisan coalition would be the most productive path forward for the embattled chamber. It was a proposal put forth in the lead-up to McCarthy's ouster and one he continues to promote.

"The rules of the House should reflect the inescapable reality that Republicans are reliant on Democratic support to do the basic work of governing," Jeffries wrote. "A small band of extremists should not be capable of obstructing that cooperation."

"The need to change course is urgent," the House minority leader added.

But with two allies of Trump officially running for speaker, bipartisanship to end the tumult in the House remains a hope more than a reality.

Trump has talked to House members about Jordan but is not expected to come to the Capitol or whip votes next week, according to an adviser familiar with his calls who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations.

Trump has talked to Jordan since leaving office "probably more than any other member," the Trump adviser said, adding that Trump personally likes Jordan in a way that he doesn't like Scalise and has watched as Jordan has defended him over the years.

"Jordan hasn't had one of those moments where he's gotten crosswise with the president," the adviser said.

Some House Republicans also have been calling on the former president to seek the speaker post himself. Among them: Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.), a former McCarthy ally. She said on social media earlier this week that Trump is "the only candidate for Speaker I am currently supporting."

Trump told Fox News Digital in an interview Thursday that he would be open to accepting an interim role as speaker, but he said his focus is on the White House race.

"I will do it if necessary, should they not be able to make their decision," Trump said.

The Trump adviser said Trump was never seriously interested in trying to become temporary speaker, even though some members pitched him on the concept.

House speakers are not required to be members of the chamber. But installing Trump, even temporarily, faces a hurdle: Under House Republican rules, "a member of the Republican Leadership shall step aside if indicted for a felony for which a sentence of two or more years imprisonment may be imposed."

Trump currently faces 91 felony charges across four criminal cases in federal and state courts. Some of the most serious charges are punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

Some Trump allies in the House have suggested that they could change the rules to allow Trump to serve.

Jordan, who was elected to Congress in 2006, has steadily risen in the ranks of the Republican conference. He has used his perch as Judiciary Committee chairman, which he has held since January, to fight those who are investigating Trump.

He was one of eight House lawmakers who were part of Trump's defense team in his first Senate impeachment trial. Trump, in one of his last acts as president, gave Jordan the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award.

A former chairman of the hard-right House Freedom Caucus, Jordan was first nominated for the speakership in January by far-right Republicans who opposed McCarthy, but Jordan steadfastly maintained his support for him.

Among those also in Jordan's corner now: Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), who spearheaded the push to remove McCarthy from his leadership position. "My mentor Jim Jordan would be great!" Gaetz posted Tuesday on X, in response to a report that Jordan was entertaining a speaker's bid.

Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Ky.), an ally of McCarthy's with ties to the Freedom Caucus, and Rep. Jim Banks (R-Ind.) also have expressed support for Jordan.

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McCarthy's election machine in limbo as Republicans seek a new speaker

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Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) leaves the House chamber following Tuesday's vote, led by hard-right Republicans, to oust him as speaker.

Effective control of the biggest electoral institutions that fund Republican House campaigns, like the Congressional Leadership Fund and the National Republican Congressional Committee, is certain to pass to his successor. But the relationships that drive their bank accounts are not certain to follow, nor are the less well-known operations that support both groups in the shadows of campaign finance regulations.

CLF, the centerpiece of House Republican efforts, has grown increasingly dependent on just a few donors in recent years, mostly billionaires who are driven to give more for ideological reasons. The group raised at least $88.5 million last cycle from just eight families and millions more from McCarthy's own California donors. After McCarthy was toppled, the NRCC announced it was postponing a fall gala event next week in Dallas.

"The happiest people in Washington this week are the people at the DCCC and House Majority PAC who just saw the number one fundraiser in the Republican field taken off the field," said Mike Shields, a McCarthy ally and campaign strategist who previously ran CLF and worked as political director of the NRCC, referring to two pro-Democratic committees.

McCarthy's aspiring replacements have boasted about their different fundraising strengths as they have sought votes from their colleagues. Allies of Jordan, a firebrand known for rapid-fire cable news appearances, have even been circulating private emails that Scalise's staff have sent to Jordan's team in recent months, asking Jordan to sign off on emails and text messages in his name that would jointly raise money for the two men.

"No one is better positioned to help [boost] the confidence in fundraising than Jim Jordan," said Russell Dye, a spokesman for Jordan. "He's the only person who can communicate with both the grass-roots and the mega-donors."

Scalise has pushed back with a memo from his team calling him a "fundraising powerhouse" with $170 million in lifetime fundraising, including 413 days of travel time.

"While Kevin's fundraising was unmatched, Steve Scalise was easily the second most prolific fundraiser for the conference," said Rep. Tony Gonzales (R-Tex.), who is backing Scalise for speaker.

But no one has argued that the transition will be painless. Donors and some Republican operatives have expressed concerns over whether the next speaker will remain as aggressive as McCarthy is in promoting candidates who can win swing seats or as ruthless as he has been in intervening to try to stop less-electable or more disruptive candidates in Republican districts from making it to the House floor.

Groups connected to McCarthy spent millions to defend incumbents against far-right challengers in primaries, sometimes using spending vehicles that were designed to conceal the identity of donors. They also weeded out Republican candidates that they thought did not belong in Washington, even if they could have won office.

McCarthy allies were involved in 2022 in raising money for a group called Results for N.C. that helped to defeat one of McCarthy's own members, Rep. Madison Cawthorn (R-N.C.), after the freshman lawmaker infuriated his colleagues by talking on a podcast about seeing cocaine use in Washington and being invited to sex parties.

Other groups, with names like American Liberty Action and the Eighteen Fifty-Four Fund, were deployed to take out the primary campaigns of Anthony Sabatini, a Florida friend of Rep. Matt Gaetz, and former New York state party chair Carl Paladino, who suggested in a 2021 social media post that Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler is "the kind of leader we need today."

CLF, under the guidance of McCarthy's team, intervened in a Florida primary to help defeat Laura Loomer, a political activist who has described herself as being "pro-white nationalism" and a "proud Islamophobe." CLF also spent heavily, through vehicles that were difficult to track, in a failed effort to defend Rep. Jamie Herrera-Beutler (R-Wash.), a supporter of former president Donald Trump's second impeachment. After she lost, Democrats were able to pick up the seat on the southern Washington state border.

Dan Conston, a McCarthy adviser who runs CLF, said in a statement after McCarthy's ouster that the group "remains laser-focused on our mission of holding radical Democrats accountable, protecting our vulnerable incumbents, and expanding the House Republican majority."

But no one knows whether the next speaker will have the power or will of McCarthy to be as aggressive in primaries. His hard-line opponents in the House have long demanded that these interventions stop. Before McCarthy was elected speaker in January, Conston agreed to a small concession — that CLF would not involve itself anymore in open-primary contests in safe Republican seats. That agreement did not rule out intervention by other groups that worked with McCarthy's team.

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Tim Persico, former executive director of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee

At a news conference after losing the speakership, McCarthy suggested he could become even more involved in shaping primary campaigns, even if it meant that he was working independently of leadership. Both McCarthy and his allies have made clear their anger at the eight Republicans who voted to end his speakership.

"I told the conference I am a free agent now, aren't I?" McCarthy said, in a thinly veiled warning of possible retribution. "I think I am pretty good at electing people."

Whatever he does, the playbook for the 2024 House elections must now be worked out on the fly, in the middle of an election season. Democrats have been crowing, in public and private, in recent days about the confusion that McCarthy's absence could create, including the possibility of more retirements and recruitment challenges.

"McCarthy famously tried to be all things to all people, and while that was his undoing as speaker, being a bridge between MAGA world and ultrawealthy donors made him a good fundraiser," said Tim Persico, former executive director of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. "I doubt any of the heir apparents have those relationships, and trying to replicate decades of work in a few months is damn near impossible."

Neither Scalise nor Jordan comes close to McCarthy in the depth of donor relationships or electoral experience, according to Republican strategists. With a donor network he built in the California state assembly, McCarthy created the Young Guns program during the 2008 cycle, traveling the country to promote a new generation of House candidates. In the 2010 cycle, that program became the name of the NRCC's recruitment program, which McCarthy ran during a cycle that returned a Republican to the speaker's office. He has remained integrally involved in the effort ever since.

For more than a decade, McCarthy traveled the country at nearly every congressional break, meeting with prospective candidates and golfing with billionaires. His annual August donor retreat in Jackson Hole, Wyo. — inherited from a similar event hosted by former Speaker John A. Boehner (R-Ohio) — became a marquee forum for young politicians to meet the donors who would fund their campaigns.

McCarthy also created a joint fundraising program — first called Take Back the House and now called Protect the House — that allows wealthy donors to give hundreds of thousands of dollars at once, with the money split up to support the candidates most at risk of defeat. Ironically, that has meant that McCarthy's program has already transferred more than $100,000 this year to the campaigns of Rep. Nancy Mace (R-S.C.), who voted to end his speakership, and Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-Colo.), who opposed his efforts to pass a spending bill last month.

McCarthy's behind-the-scenes power reflects changes in campaign finance laws since the early 2000s that have empowered very wealthy donors and the politicians they trust with their money. Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) was able to twice hold the titles of minority leader and speaker because of the dependence of her caucus on her donor network. When she stepped aside last year, one of her top political advisers, Michael Smith, took over at the head of the pro-Democratic House Majority PAC, insuring continuity as Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) took charge of the conference.

"A new speaker, depending on who it is, can rise to the occasion," said one Republican strategist familiar with the succession discussion happening now, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations. "Their greatest challenge is the absence of time. You don't build something like this in months. It took years."

Sarah Chamberlain, the president of the Republican Main Street Partnership, described McCarthy as "the best fundraiser the Republican Party has had in years."

"He's in a league by himself for right now," she said. "We're absolutely hoping that he continues to do that."

Leigh Ann Caldwell and Marianna Sotomayor contributed to this report.

Fox News tries to referee House GOP chaos but cancels speaker 'debate'

BY WILL SOMMER

Fox News inserted itself into the center of the GOP House chaos this week, with hosts subjecting conservative insurgents to sharp examination and criticism and prime-time star Sean Hannity going so far as to endorse a candidate in the competition to replace ousted speaker Kevin McCarthy.

But the Republican-friendly network's boldest step to referee the unfolding events on Capitol Hill — a plan to host an unprecedented televised forum between the speaker candidates, that would have aired exclusively on Fox — imploded just hours after it was announced on Friday.

The event was called off after Republican lawmakers expressed frustration that it could be a distraction, according to two congressional Republican aides familiar with the decision who spoke on the condition of anonymity to detail private discussions.

Fox News anchor Bret Baier acknowledged on-air Friday afternoon that the network had initially lined up commitments from three candidates to appear in the forum.

"There became pressure from other members on these three to not do that," he said.

McCarthy's ouster on Tuesday at the hands of eight GOP members led by Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) was loudly booed by some of the most influential conservative voices on Fox.

On the afternoon roundtable "The Five," co-host Jeanine Pirro said she was "furious" about the "total chaos" Gaetz had created in what she called a bid to boost his own fundraising.

"It's kind of pathetic," co-host Greg Gutfeld said, saying that Republicans had metaphorically shot themselves in the head (and quipping that he would head to

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Passersby outside the headquarters of Fox News's parent company, Fox Corp., in Manhattan. The cable news network has been weighing in heavily on the ouster of Kevin McCarthy as House speaker.

Washington to run for speaker himself).

It was unclear whether Gaetz and his allies felt wounded by the barrage, as many of them turned this week to smaller, more conservative media outlets that have attempted to rival or counterprogram Fox. The insurgents have made frequent appearances this week on the online video show hosted by former Trump White House adviser Stephen K. Bannon, where, in contrast to their treatment on Fox, they are praised as heroes.

On Wednesday, "Fox & Friends" host Brian Kilmeade subjected one of the McCarthy opponents, Rep. Tim Burchett (R-Tenn.), to an unusually combative interview, calling him "the ringleader of a circus" and accusing him of misleading the former speaker about his intentions when Burchett said he would "pray" about his vote.

"Oh, come on!" Kilmeade said. "Please. You were praying about it one minute, the next minute you're going to lead an insurgency?"

"The line of questioning is very negative, you know that and I know that," Burchett said.

Fox anchors cast Gaetz's decision to push McCarthy as a distraction from conservative priorities like increased border security funding.

But after McCarthy announced he would not seek to reclaim his seat, Hannity — Fox's most senior prime-time host — demanded that Republicans quickly settle on their next speaker, suggesting they lock themselves in a room with pizza and beer, emerging only once they have a consensus pick.

Hannity went further on Wednesday, saying he endorsed Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), a frequent Fox guest, for the speakership.

"The best option I think we have is Jim Jordan," Hannity said, to a chorus of applause that appeared to come from an in-studio audience or crew.

On Friday morning, Punchbowl News first reported that Baier would moderate what the site called a "debate" on Monday evening between three potential candidates: Jordan, Rep. Steve Scalise (R-La.), and Rep. Kevin Hern (R-Okla.). In a press release, Fox described it instead as a "joint interview."

Whatever it was meant to be, the event began to fall apart almost immediately. The prospect of internal House Republican divisions spilling even more into public view horrified some lawmakers, with Rep. Carlos A. Gimenez (R-Fla.) telling CNN that the idea was "horrible."

Then the candidates pulled out. A spokesman for Jordan told CNN that he wouldn't sit for the interview before meeting with the conference, an idea that threw the debate into jeopardy because of a scheduling issue. Scalise bailed on the event, too.

Hern, who hasn't yet declared a bid for the speaker's role, posted on social media that he would prefer a private "family discussion" within the caucus over a public "debate."

Baier said Friday afternoon that Fox still plans special coverage of the speaker race on Monday, promising "interesting guests" in a broadcast from the U.S. Capitol.

"I think that the word 'debate' has scared folks over the past couple of days, and we're hoping to change that," he said. "We're going to use a different word."

Moderates could unite to end House speaker chaos. But they probably won't.

BY JACQUELINE ALEMANY, MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR AND LEIGH ANN CALDWELL

Just hours before a vote to oust Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) as the House speaker Tuesday, a group of Democrats and Republicans met in a conference room on the third floor of the Cannon House Office Building to make a last-ditch attempt to avoid the history that was soon to be made.

The group was drawn from the 64-member bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus, representatives who consider themselves more moderate and more pragmatic than their parties' firebrands. Some hailed from swing districts where voters might applaud bipartisan action.

For more than an hour, people familiar with the session said, Republicans in the group begged Democrats to support the stability of the institution by agreeing to save McCarthy — the speaker who had spent nine months catering to the most extreme elements in his party and who helped resurrect Donald Trump's image after the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol.

Democrats were bewildered, the people said. They felt McCarthy had done little to earn their trust — and had not asked for their help.

They countered by reminding Republicans that they believed the House needed to first pass new rules to increase the minority party's power and make it harder to oust the speaker in the future, insulating him from far-right challenges.

In another country, or perhaps another political system or environment, these were the members who might have banded together to support a candidate for leader and spare the government and the country unprecedented chaos.

Instead, the tenor of the meeting turned heated. It ended with no agreement — and McCarthy's fate was sealed. Later that afternoon, all of the House's 208 Democrats joined with eight conservative Republicans to vote McCarthy out of his job, firing a speaker for the first time in U.S. history.

The failure of the last-ditch effort by the self-styled "problem solvers" underscores how unlikely it will be for the House to solve its leadership vacuum in the coming days through some kind of unity government that might otherwise seem the most obvious path forward.

Even with government funding set to lapse in less than 45 days, aid to Ukraine in limbo and America's reputation as a functioning democracy on the line, there was little sign this week of interest in cobbling together a bipartisan coalition that could be the fastest way to collect the 217

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"It really hurts me for what happened here," Problem Solvers Caucus member Rep. David Joyce (R-Ohio) said in an interview Wednesday, bemoaning that McCarthy was overthrown because he supported a measure on Saturday backed by Democrats that avoided a government shutdown. "He was working on behalf of the American people — that was not a political decision. That was the right thing to do for our country and he got fired? I don't understand the game anymore."

A Democrat in the meeting countered that a trust deficit made it impossible to make a deal with their GOP counterparts before concrete action on the rules.

"Nobody trusts Kevin to keep their word," said the lawmaker, who, like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity to disclose conversations from a private meeting.

Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-La.), McCarthy's second-in-command, officially announced a bid for speaker Wednesday, as did Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), a conservative firebrand who once butted heads with McCarthy in the battle to become the GOP leader in 2018. Other candidates may emerge in the coming days, but Scalise and Jordan have so far indicated that they plan to win the job by appealing to Republicans alone.

As GOP lawmakers ducked in and out of meetings this week, making pitches to one another in initial bids to garner support for the top job, rank-and-file members ruled out the imminent possibility of a bipartisan effort to save them from their latest state of chaos.

"I think the Republican conference will be stronger when we first work with ourselves," Rep. August Pfluger (R-Tex.) said Wednesday on his way to a lunch with the Texas delegation, where prospective speakers sounded out potential allies.

Compromise, even among pragmatic members in swing districts, is a tall order in this political environment. Moderate Democrats and Republicans face the constant threat of primaries, and many live in fear of being targeted by powerful conservative media. Even members who represent swing districts fret about being punished by extreme voters in primary elections, a member of the Problem Solvers Caucus said.

House rules adopted in a compromise that allowed McCarthy to win the job in January — after days of strife and 15 ballots — have also empowered individual members with outsize influence over the House GOP conference, exacerbating the party's partisan polarization. A motion to vacate, for example, is a congressional procedure to remove a presiding officer from a position that can be triggered by just one House member. Once initiated, it takes priority on the House floor ahead of all other business. This week, the motion was moved by Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), a Trump ally.

On top of all that, lingering anger over the events of the past week could impede the kind of one-on-one negotiations necessary to craft any kind of bipartisan deal in the days ahead.

Instead of charting a path forward, some Republican members of the Problem Solvers Caucus shortly after the vote were threatening to quit the group.

"People over politics? Get real," Rep. Michael Lawler (R-N.Y.) tweeted at Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.), complaining that Jeffries had supported the effort to oust McCarthy. "You aligned yourself with Matt Gaetz to upend the institution and seek political gain in the process. You could have put the country first by refusing to partake in this fraud."

Lawler, a first-term member from a district that voted for President Biden in 2020, is a member of the Problem Solvers Caucus.

"You could also do the right thing, Lawler," fellow New Yorker, liberal Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D), responded on X, formerly known as Twitter. "Your district voted for Biden by 10 pts. You could end this by representing and voting for Jeffries."

Democrats, too, showed little appetite this week for crossing party lines to enter a coalition with Republicans, in part because many said they were convinced no willing partners exist in a post-Trump GOP.

"Never say never," one Democratic lawmaker said. "But I don't know that people have gotten that far."

Speaking on a panel hosted by the American Enterprise Institute on Wednesday, former congressman Daniel Lipinski (D-Ill.) recalled that when then-Rep. Mark Meadows (R-N.C.) attempted to overthrow House Speaker John A. Boehner (R-Ohio) in 2015, Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi (Calif.) promised Boehner that she would instruct her members in the Democratic caucus to vote against ousting him.

"She is an institutionalist," Lipinski explained.

In the end, Boehner announced his retirement from Congress and Democrats did not face that hard choice.

McCarthy told reporters Tuesday evening that Pelosi had made a similar assurance to him in the days ahead of the vote — that she promised to support him in the face of a challenge. But Pelosi, mourning the death of the late Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), remained in California and did not vote Tuesday — and in a post on X, she said Republicans must solve the speaker conundrum on their own.

"The Speaker of the House is chosen by the Majority Party. In this Congress, it is the responsibility of House Republicans to choose a nominee & elect the Speaker on the Floor," she wrote ahead of the vote. "At this time there is no justification for a departure from this tradition."

In an interview, Lipinski said he thinks Democrats missed the opportunity to work with Republicans this week — the latest sign of an institution that is "really, really broken."

"How can you ask the next GOP speaker to stand up to the crazies in their party if Democrats are just going to join the crazies to knock you out?" he said.

Campaigns to fill the leadership vacancy have already started. The House has adjourned for the remainder of the week, but Rep. Patrick T. McHenry (R-N.C.), who is serving in the role of speaker pro tempore, is expected to hold a candidate forum next Tuesday. It's unclear how long the process will take, but in the meantime, legislative business has come to a halt.

Michael Thorning, a director at the Bipartisan Policy Center, said achieving a true coalition government in the House would require more than Democrats crossing the aisle to vote for a Republican speaker but a form of genuine power-sharing that has yet to be seen in the lower chamber.

Thorning listed a number of novel possibilities, including appointing an even number of Republicans and Democrats on key committees, sharing certain committee chairmanships or crafting a bipartisan agreement over a slate of policy items to be brought to the House floor for votes. The current level of acrimony between the two parties, however, would probably be a barrier to any such agreement, he said.

"This idea is really fighting uphill against the status quo and the dynamic in Congress that people are used to — it would essentially take a revolt against both parties' leadership to make this happen, and I don't know that the will to do that is there," Thorning added.

Surprising bipartisan coalitions have emerged twice to elect leaders of state legislatures in the past year, a reminder that the model appears impossible — until it happens.

In January, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, nearly evenly divided between the parties, elected an independent speaker who promised to caucus with neither party and hire a bipartisan staff. That same month, Democrats and moderate Republicans in Ohio joined to appoint a more moderate GOP speaker over a far-right lawmaker who was the choice of the party establishment.

At the beginning of the year, some moderate lawmakers engaged in tentative conversations about trying something similar in Congress ahead of the tortured slog McCarthy undertook to become House speaker in the first place. The group surreptitiously circulated a backup candidate who was respected by members of both parties and who had announced he was retiring from Congress: Rep. Fred Upton (R-Mich.).

Upton, now out of Congress, said he was not pushing the idea, earning him an angry tirade on social media by Trump.

"Maybe if the race had gone a couple more ballots — like four or five — maybe there would have been more legs to the story," Upton said. But he said the experience was a reminder of just how difficult it would be for a member to cross the line and vote for the speaker of the opposing party.

"Go back to every speaker that you know — Tom Foley, Jim Wright, Newt Gingrich, Kevin, Nancy — they're all vilified by the opposing party, and to be one that casts across the aisle is awfully difficult for any member on either side, and it just doesn't happen," he added.

Rep. Don Bacon (R-Neb.), who hails from a district won by Biden in 2020, expressed skepticism that any candidate could win 217 votes in the Republican conference alone, surmising that whoever wants to be speaker might have to reach across the aisle eventually.

"At some point, someone's going to have to give and maybe we're going into waters that have never been crossed before," Bacon said, adding that he has attempted to soothe his fellow Republicans and convince them that Democrats are not the ones to be blamed for the current predicament.

"I asked a few people," he said, "Would you have voted for Nancy Pelosi?"

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Berlin's Görlitzer Park, affectionately known to Berliners as "Görli," is a 35-acre park in the heart of the city's Kreuzberg district where drug dealers and families mix.

Görlitzer Park is a symbol of Berlin's growing pains

Surge in drug trade, rents unsettles rapidly changing German capital

BY KATE BRADY

BERLIN — Two toddlers aimed their bikes down a slope into the grassy central basin of Berlin's Görlitzer Park in the late summer sunshine. As food delivery drivers pedaled past, tourists meandered on unwieldy rental bikes, taking in the "alternative Berlin" they were promised in their guidebooks.

Within earshot of the children's squeals of delight, a drug dealer on a rusting blue bicycle rode in swooping circles in front of a Washington Post correspondent.

"Do you need anything?" he asked. Another dealer, this time on foot, dressed in worn-out jeans and a loose white shirt, tried his luck: "What do you need? Marijuana?"

Affectionately known to Berliners as "Görli," the 35-acre park in the heart of the city's Kreuzberg district is a collision of worlds, where families and students meander past dealers hawking marijuana, cocaine and now, increasingly, crack and heroin.

The dark underside of this strange mix recently came to light again after a brutal gang rape in June of a 27-year-old Georgian tourist. At a September security summit to address the rise of crime and hard drugs in the park, city officials agreed to measures including more community outreach, drug consumption rooms, video surveillance and fencing off the park at night.

What to do about Görli is more than just a debate over a park embodying Berlin's countercultural image. It is also about an emerging world city grappling with soaring housing prices, fraught immigration policy and rising drug culture — and not learning from the experiences of Europe's other cities. The fate of Görli is about whether Berlin can maintain what has made it distinctive even as it becomes a global center.

"We need a holistic concept. We also need a citywide strategy," said Oliver Nöll, a member of the Left Party and deputy mayor of Berlin's Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg district. He said that there are no short-term fixes and that these issues have to be addressed throughout the capital. "We have similar situations everywhere in the city, not just here."

Fixing the park

Past efforts to "fix" Görli have included two task forces, increased police presence, a short-lived zero drugs policy, and even the creation of designated spaces for drug dealers in the park using pink spray paint — another short-lived experiment. A fence around the park should be erected by early next year.

"What I don't want is for Görlitzer Park to represent Berlin going forward," said Kai Wegner, a conservative Christian Democratic Union politician who has been mayor of Berlin for five months. "We don't need a crime hot spot, but a place where people can come together and feel comfortable. And above all, I want all Berliners to be safe in Berlin."

Wegner is pushing for more security than has been seen in the past in freewheeling Berlin, which for decades was known for its permissiveness and alternative lifestyle — a way of life that appears increasingly out of place in the capital of Europe's largest economy.

Residents, however, say that a huge police presence and closing off the park at night aren't the answers. Drug raids just lead to games of cat-and-mouse through their neighborhoods, and users are now leaving the park to shoot up in their streets and doorways.

"The neighborhood is one of the most densely populated urban areas in Berlin. And that's why it's just important to have the park here. Closing it off would just shift the problems elsewhere into the neighborhood," said David Kiefer, part of the local residents' initiative Wrangelkiez United.

The group insists that any stronger police tactics need to be paired with extensive community outreach and attempts to integrate marginal populations, such as the rising numbers of homeless — measures the city has promised to look into but has said it doesn't necessarily have the budget for.

"No cops for Görli!" read a yellow banner strung up next to a small crowd of demonstrators that gathered on the day city officials met to discuss cleaning up the park. "Stop racial profiling," was spray-painted onto the pathway around the park protesting what they say is a racial element to the increased police searches.

Kiefer sees the park and the surrounding area as a remnant of a fast-disappearing Berlin, as high rents squeeze out creatives and clubs are forced to close over noise complaints.

"Görli is always considered a bit disreputable and wild," said Kiefer, who has been a resident in the district for 11 years. "That may have been Berlin in the past, but I think something has changed dramatically. ... Berlin is essentially abolishing itself."

Migrants and the drug trade

Paired with the drug trade, the park has also seen rising numbers of people experiencing homelessness and people with mental health issues, according to the residents' association. In February, its members wrote an open letter to the city, calling for the hard-drug and homeless problems to be addressed with safe consumption rooms, psychiatric and medical care, and overnight accommodations.

The park's drug dealers are overwhelmingly migrants. Many of them turn to drug dealing because they lack residency permits or have an unclear asylum status and are banned from working in the official economy.

In an open corner of Görlitzer Park, a young Black man disappeared into a bush to retrieve a brown paper bag from which he extracted a smaller plastic pouch. He exchanged it for cash with a tall White man who, judging from his accent, was a local. He shoved his purchase into his shorts pocket, before cycling across the park.

"I would love to stay here," said a young Libyan man sitting nearby. In his home country, he had trained as a car mechanic. "Now I'm selling drugs. But just marijuana," he said, speaking on the condition of anonymity for fear of being deported. "I don't tell anyone back home how I make money."

Last year he started to take crack cocaine. "Sometimes I take it on a night. Sometimes on a morning. It's sad here. It's boring. All day. All night. It gets me through the day. This isn't what I thought it was going to be," he said.

Marginal Berlin

Poverty and migration have long been a part of the story for the area around Görlitzer Park. After World War II, swaths of Kreuzberg had been slated for demolition by a highway project, and those who could moved away. The sudden building of the Berlin Wall in 1961 left the neighborhood walled in on three sides, making it even more undesirable.

Soon it became home to immigrants, known as Gastarbeiter (guest workers), particularly from Turkey, brought in to help get the West German economy back on its feet. They were followed in the 1970s by the squatter movement that took over abandoned buildings.

In the three decades since the fall of the Wall and Berlin's restoration as the capital of a unified Germany, the city has been transformed, especially areas like Kreuzberg. A wave of gentrification has swept through, rocketing rents and ousting many locals.

As Berlin's population fast approaches the 4 million mark, housing is becoming scarcer and less affordable, with rents doubling since 2009. Although a city-led census of people living on Berlin's streets in January 2020 counted almost 2,000 homeless, those affected disputed the number, saying it was not representative and reduced the people counted to a mere figure. Welfare associations put the number between 6,000 and 10,000.

As the sun began to set over Görli, groups of friends settled down on the grass to enjoy its final rays and toast the weekend. A few feet away, at one of the entrances to the park, three people settled on the sidewalk in a circle, speaking to one another in slurred German. Instead of sipping on Friday night beers, they huddled around their belongings, stuffed into durable grocery store bags, and prepared their crack pipes, unaware of the world around them.

"This is a consequence to the fact that we are a big city that people are coming to, that poverty is there, that homelessness is increasing. And we have zero concepts. Zero answers, nothing at all," said Monika Herman, a member of the Green Party and a former mayor of the district.

"We're not learning from the experience of other cities. We're starting to make the same mistakes."

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ABOVE: Police drive through Görlitzer Park. "We don't need a crime hot spot, but a place where people can come together and feel comfortable," Berlin Mayor Kai Wegner said. BELOW: Part of a wall in Görlitzer Park, where a rising drug culture has caused concern.

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SUDAN

Heavy artillery fire kills 11, wounds 90

Heavy artillery fire killed at least 11 people and wounded 90 in conflict-torn Sudan, the group Doctors Without Borders said.

The attack took place Thursday in the city of Omdurman, just next to the Sudanese capital of Khartoum, the group said, without saying which of the warring parties in the country was responsible.

The group said on X, formerly Twitter, that children were among those killed and that the wounded are being treated at Al Nao hospital in Omdurman.

Sudan has been rocked by violence since April, when fighting erupted between the Sudanese military, led by Gen. Abdel Fattah Burhan, and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, commanded by Gen. Mohamed Hamden Dagalo.

— Associated Press

MYANMAR

Top court declines to hear Suu Kyi appeals

The Supreme Court of Myanmar on Friday declined to hear special appeals from ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi against her convictions in six corruption cases where she was found guilty of abusing her authority and accepting bribes, a legal official said.

The 78-year-old Suu Kyi, who was arrested when the army toppled her elected government in February 2021, is serving prison sentences totaling 27 years after being convicted of a string of criminal charges mostly brought by the military.

Her supporters and independent analysts have said the charges, all of which have been contested by Suu Kyi and her lawyers, are bogus and an attempt to discredit her and legitimize the military coup.

— Associated Press

Nonprofit rescue ship saves migrants off Libya: A nonprofit rescue ship operating off the coast of Libya saved 258 migrants in two operations in the early hours of Friday. The first of the two rescues involved a 23-foot wooden boat filled with 162 migrants, said Fulvia Conte, a rescue coordinator for the Doctors Without Borders ship Geo Barents. The second rescue involved 96 people on a similar wooden boat, including nine children, mainly Syrians.

Three inmates dead in prison blaze in Lebanon: Prisoners in a jail in Lebanon on Friday set their cells on fire, leaving three inmates dead and 16 others injured, according to a police statement. Police said the fire started in several cells in the main prison in the eastern city of Zahleh after an apparent escape attempt. It said 19 prisoners suffered from smoke inhalation and were taken to hospital, where three later died.

— From news services

Olive oil prices reach record highs as drought, fires dry up Spain's harvest

BY LAURA REILEY

Extreme heat, wildfires and drought have decimated much of the world's olive oil harvest yet again, driving prices to a record high of $9,000 per metric ton.

Most home cooks aren't buying olive oil by the ton. But retail olive oil prices in the United States have risen in recent years because of extreme weather in olive-oil-producing countries, growing 12.5 percent this year atop an 8.8 percent increase in 2022, according to Circana, a Chicago-based market research firm.

Spain, the source of half the world's olive oil supply and the global price setter, in May reported a drop in production of 48 percent compared with last year. Concerns intensified following the release of the most recent olive oil report from the Spanish government, which showed dwindling supplies in August.

Last month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture revised its global olive oil production estimate down to 2.5 million tons, a quarter lower than both the previous year and the five-year average.

The agency said in August that prices were 130 percent higher than a year ago, and climate-change-related extreme weather is making the future appear equally grim.

"Should this pace of depletion persist, market insiders warn that olive oil supplies could be exhausted before the arrival of fresh harvests, which traditionally commence in Spain around October," Mintec analyst Kyle Holland wrote in an email.

And that's not looking great, either.

The drought and lack of water over the past months in Spain is creating concerns about the new season, according to a recent Rabobank agriculture report. And in recent weeks, storms have affected Apulia, the most important olive oil production region in Italy, damaging the upcoming harvest. Italy is the world's No. 2 olive oil producer.

The news is similar among other major producers in the Mediterranean, with drought having affected crops from Portugal, Tunisia, Morocco and Greece. Turkey, which had a good harvest, is compounding the worldwide shortage by banning bulk olive oil exports to ensure adequate domestic supplies.

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A worker checks bottles of olive oil at the Deoleo SA plant in Cordoba, Spain. Prices are rising for olive oil as production drops.

Historically, olive oil has been a niche vegetable oil. But with the rise in its perceived health benefits and sustainability advantages (olive trees, which can live for hundreds of years, are especially good at fixing atmospheric carbon in the soil), consumers in many developed countries now don't just "trade down" to other, cheaper vegetable oils. A bottle of olive oil in U.S. grocery stores now costs an average of $9.92, according to Nielsen data, whereas a comparable cooking oil is $7.88.

"The U.S. is a steady net importer of olive oil — its domestic olive oil production, which comes in at around 16,000 tons a year on average, is not enough to fulfill consumption, which runs at some 390,000 tons," said Vito Martielli, a senior grains and oilseeds analyst at Rabobank. The United States imports about 30 percent of the global olive trade, according to USDA data, but this year that number is expected to be 35 percent, and even higher next year.

Spikes in prices lead to related crime, both theft and counterfeiting. At the end of August, a half-million dollars' worth of olive oil was stolen from a mill in Córdoba, one of the largest olive oil producing provinces of Andalusia in Spain, and according to authorities, it is common to have olives stolen right off the trees.

"With Europe's shortage, the risk level of buying blended and counterfeited extra-virgin olive oil will be extremely high. We always tell our customers to look for where your olive oil is coming from [and] look for the harvest date," said Vincent Ricchiuti, founder of Enzo Olive Oil from California.

He says that while California producers have been affected by rising costs for labor, materials "and really everything," the increase in European prices has allowed California producers to be more competitive.

According to Joseph Profaci, executive director of the North American Olive Oil Association, olive oil fraud goes back a quarter-century when it was common for major Italian brands to label their oils "imported from Italy" when the oil might have been *bottled* in Italy but was sourced from other countries of origin. Class-action suits led these companies to list the countries of origin, Profaci said. Ricchiuti said that for consumers wanting to be sure that they are buying the "real deal," especially with the super-pricey extra-virgin oils, the California Olive Oil Council is an independent board with its own certification process and seal.

Ukrainian village in mourning searches for answers after deadly funeral strike

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More land is cleared at the cemetery in Hroza, a village in northeastern Ukraine, to make room for those killed during Thursday's missile strike on a funeral.

other relatives were among the dead. At least one child was killed, and two others were missing Friday.

The bodies, which volunteers and rescue workers had dragged out of the rubble, were all transferred to the regional capital of Kharkiv for identification, which may require DNA testing in cases of mutilation.

Morgue workers said that they had seen no evidence of multiple military personnel among the dead and that most victims appeared to be older. Washington Post reporters observing the morgue examinations saw only one of the dead wearing a military uniform.

Many villagers said they suspect a Russian sympathizer living among them informed the Russian military about a planned gathering for a fallen soldier.

Hroza is no more than a tiny stretch of land some 20 miles from the front-line city of Kupyansk. After Russia launched its full-scale invasion in February 2022, the village was held under Russian occupation until Ukrainian troops liberated it in a surprise counteroffensive last fall. But locals said some living in Hroza remain loyal to Moscow.

"This is not a coincidence," said Serhiy Pletinka, 34, a Ukrainian soldier home on leave from the southern front. His parents live across from the cafe, and when the strike occurred, he rushed outside to help. He said many of the bodies were beyond recognition. One, his former teacher and his friend's father, was identified only by the blue jeans he always wore, he said. Another was a soldier he knew had gone on leave to attend the funeral.

Lyuba Savchenko, 63, and Inessa Troshena, 58, lost their sister Halya Chykala, 62, and four cousins in Thursday's strike. The pair were among the weeping families surveying the cemetery in Hroza on Friday morning, some using sticks and tape to cordon off where they hope to bury their dead relatives, leaving notes to reserve the space. The cracking sound of two more incoming artillery attacks landing nearby filled the air.

"What else could it be?" Savchenko replied when asked if she, too, believed that a local collaborator had informed Russian forces about the funeral reception, prompting the strike.

The immensity of the civilian toll contradicts Russian President Vladimir Putin and other Moscow officials who claim Russian forces only attack military targets.

On Friday morning, Russia launched a separate strike on Kharkiv, killing a 10-year-old boy and wounding dozens of others.

The morgue reflected the horrors of the massacre in Hroza. Blood streaked the floors as dozens of workers dressed in white gowns and medical gloves sifted through piles of bodies and parts of bodies that had been severed by the powerful blast.

Workers held up a foot stuck to a shoe to try to match it to a man in gray jeans. Others tried to match a female hand to another victim.

There were so many body bags that they had to be laid out in the hallway, some stacked for lack of space. One piece of a limb sat in a cardboard box on the front steps.

By afternoon, the staff announced they had found the intact body of a boy, believed to be a 6-year-old named Ivan. Oksana Oliinyk, deputy head of the Kharkiv police investigative department, said some small body parts that may have belonged to children were recovered at the scene, but their origins were still unknown.

In one room, mangled flesh sat on a metal table awaiting inspection. At the next table over, a morgue worker narrated his examination of a headless torso and legs while his colleagues recorded notes in the corner.

The workers were careful to mark down full descriptions — small details like the French manicure they saw on one victim or the gold tooth on another could help provide closure for relatives who may not otherwise be able to identify their loved ones.

> *"It's so scary. How many friends of mine have I lost? Oh, God. Oh, God."*
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> **Valentina Koyizenko,**
> a 73-year-old woman who lost several close friends in Thursday's missile strike on Hroza

Back in Hroza, stunned civilians returned to the scene of the attack.

Yurii Chykala, the husband of Halya, whose sisters had been looking for a burial spot, said he, too, believed a local betrayed them. "It was a very precise shot," he said, "so someone here did it. I don't know who."

He said he had found his wife Thursday, dead but still warm, lying outside, burned with a shrapnel wound to her head. "There's no point in living anymore," he said.

He didn't sleep all night and planned to do nothing but drink for the next three days, he said.

"There's an emptiness in my soul. Just emptiness," he added. "Yesterday, I was painting the house, she was helping me hold my brush. … My wife had put the buckwheat on the table to cook it later. I see it, it's there. But she isn't."

A body of a boy, believed to be a 6-year-old named Ivan, lies among other Hroza victims at the morgue in Kharkiv on Friday. Morgue workers said that they had seen no evidence of multiple military personnel among the dead and that most victims appeared to be older.

Across the street, Lyuba Pletinka, 61, whose son Serhiy assisted in the rescue efforts, said that most of the village had learned about the funeral plans by word of mouth last month and that she is "100 percent sure someone passed on that information" to the Russians. Sitting on the bench outside her simple white-and-green house, she said she suspects some 50 percent of the village may harbor pro-Russian sentiments.

Just then, a man in a black jacket walked by, hardly glancing at the strike site. Pletinka went quiet and then nodded her head in his direction to indicate she believed he was among them. During occupation, she said, Russian forces held her and her husband at gunpoint to force them to share their crops with the occupying soldiers. That man, she said, shared with them willingly and also reported their son — then a civilian — as a former soldier who had fought in the country's east in 2014. Serhiy was then captured as a Russian prisoner of war, she said, but was eventually released and rejoined the Ukrainian military.

Her neighbor Pavlo Miller, 72, stopped by to check on her. He was sleeping when the strike hit and went outside only to find chaos. Like many others, he said he believed a Russian collaborator called in the strike. "We kind of even know who," he said.

Another neighbor, Valentina Koyizenko, 73, who lost several close friends in the strike, said she also believed "someone spilled information" to the Russians.

"The minute everyone sat down, a rocket struck?" she said. "It's not a coincidence."

She started to cry. "It's so scary," she said. "How many friends of mine have I lost? Oh, God. Oh, God."

At the cemetery down the road, Oleksiy Androsovych, 60, gathered with relatives to measure out a plot for his brother and sister-in-law killed the day before.

Their son and his nephew, Dmytro, warned him that the funeral could take days to prepare, as his parents' bodies might require DNA testing for formal identification. "They could be mutilated," Dmytro warned.

"I know," Oleksiy replied. "I was there, I saw it. They were lying next to each other."

"Do you want one grave or two?" he asked. "Let's do two," Dmytro replied.

Then the family took out a measuring tape and marked off a plot of three meters by three meters, taping it off to indicate to others that the spot was taken. They got there early enough to find space next to other deceased family members.

Their relatives would be buried just two rows behind their friend Andriy Kozyr — the soldier whose funeral they died to attend.

Anger rises in Iran over girl's coma after possible dress-code enforcement

Teen's mother says she fainted and hit her head, but activists are doubtful

BY SUSANNAH GEORGE

DUBAI — A confrontation in Iran with the morality police that left a teenage girl in a coma is stoking renewed distrust and anger with the country's leadership and attracting foreign criticism.

The incident recalls the death in custody a year ago of Mahsa Amini over dress code violations, which sparked months of protests in Iran. On Friday, the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Narges Mohammadi, an imprisoned women's rights activist in Iran who has repeatedly spoken out about the draconian enforcement of a requirement to wear the headscarf.

Armita Geravand, 16, was on her way to school with two friends on a Tehran metro when she was stopped for not observing the country's strict Islamic dress code that requires women to cover their hair.

Iranian officials say what happened next is that she fainted because of low blood sugar. But activists claim that the morality police assaulted her. Videos were released showing her moving through the subway station with friends, but footage of the actual confrontation inside the subway car has not been released.

After reports this week of Geravand's injuries, activists called on the government to allow journalists to speak to her friends and family. Instead, state media released video interviews with her parents, both of whom appeared grief-stricken and shocked.

IRANIAN STATE TELEVISION/AP

Armita Geravand, 16, is pulled from a metro train in Tehran on Sunday. An injury to Geravand, who was not wearing a headscarf as she boarded, has reignited anger just after the first anniversary of the death of Mahsa Amini following an encounter with the morality police.

"I think they said her blood pressure fell," Geravand's mother, Shahin Ahmadi, told the camera, her words halting and at times difficult to understand. "She fell on the floor and her head hit the edge of the metro."

In the interview, her mother said she had seen video footage from inside the subway car. "I do not think what people say has happened," she said, asserting that the video did not depict anything controversial.

Remarks by Geravand's parents were released to quell suspicion, but for many they only aggravated their distrust.

"The government's behavior is indicative of its concerted efforts to prevent the truth from coming to light regarding Armita Geravand," Mohammadi said in a post on her Instagram page that is managed with a colleague just a day before it was announced that she had been awarded the peace prize.

Mohammadi described the interview with Geravand's parents as "ambiguous and non-transparent" and accused Iranian leaders of trying to "prevent the truth from emerging about Armita."

Activists have been calling on the government to release additional security video footage.

"We will not let you destroy the truth; Publish the complete video inside the subway," Hossein Ronaghi, a prominent activist previously imprisoned by Iranian authorities, posted on social media.

The fate of Geravand also attracted the concern of foreign officials, with German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock noting the similarities with the case of Amini.

"Once again a young woman in #Iran is fighting for her life. Just because she showed her hair on the subway. It's unbearable," she tweeted, adding that Geravand's parents should be by her side and not be put in front of cameras.

Abram Paley, the U.S. special envoy on Iran, said he was "shocked and concerned about reports that Iran's so-called morality police have assaulted 16-year-old Armita Geravand." He added that reports of the arrest of a journalist investigating the case also were unacceptable.

In an apparent retort to some of these statements, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani suggested that American, British and German officials concern themselves with their own striking health-care workers instead of making "interventionist & biased remarks & expressing insincere concern over Iranian women & girls."

Iran initially appeared to have curbed its morality police after last year's protests, but the patrols were resumed this year as the country took steps once again to tighten dress-code enforcement.

After Aminis's death, many women stopped covering their hair, and some even burned headscarves at rallies.

Nobel Peace Prize winner is a longtime advocate for women's rights in Iran

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said, describing Mohammadi as a "freedom fighter."

In the 1990s, Mohammadi studied physics before working as an engineer and becoming an advocate for equality and women's rights, and campaigning to abolish the death penalty. In 2011, she was arrested for the first time for her efforts to assist incarcerated activists and their families.

Accused of "spreading propaganda," the 51-year-old is now serving 10 years in Tehran's notorious Evin Prison. There, she works to oppose the conditions inflicted on her and fellow female inmates, specifically the use of torture and solitary confinement.

Mohammadi's Instagram page carried a message of gratitude following the news but added that it was impossible to speak to her the day the prize was announced. "As you may know it is impossible to make a phone call in Evin prison for political prisoners of the women's ward on Fridays," the post read, "so we have to wait until tomorrow to hear from Narges and give her the good news."

In a statement, Iran's Foreign Ministry condemned the committee's decision, calling it a "political move in line with the interventionist and anti-Iranian policies of some European governments."

Iran often responds to criticism of its human rights record by accusing European and American officials of using biased, insincere concern for women to promote interventionist policies.

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian said Friday on X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter, that "the most worthy symbol of world peace" was not Mohammadi but Qasem Soleimani, the late leader of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' elite Quds Force. Though he was revered at home, he drew the ire of the United States and others as he violently expanded Iran's influence in the region, including backing militias in Iraq that targeted U.S. soldiers and allied forces, as well as propping up Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

Soleimani was killed in a U.S. airstrike in Baghdad on Jan. 3, 2020.

Last year, Mohammadi published the book "White Torture," on Iran's use of solitary confinement and sensory deprivation against her and fellow prisoners.

"The aim of white torture is to permanently break the connection between a person's body and mind to force the individual to recant their ethics and actions," she wrote.

Mohammadi wrote the book's preface during a brief furlough from prison for medical reasons last year. She closed the section with a pledge: "They will put me behind bars again, but I will not stop campaigning until human rights and justice prevail in my country."

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Iranian journalist Taghi Rahmani, husband of 2023 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Narges Mohammadi, speaks alongside their son Ali at a news conference Friday in Paris, where they live in exile.

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Mohammadi at home in Tehran in 2001. Now 51, she is serving 10 years in Evin Prison for "spreading propaganda." She released a book last year describing the torture she said she and other inmates face.

This year, on the anniversary of the death of Mahsa Amini, the young woman arrested for a dress code violation who died in the custody of Iran's morality police last year, Mohammadi staged a protest inside Evin Prison. She and three other women burned their headscarves, according to a post on her social media page.

Earlier this week, after reports circulated that a teenage girl was in a coma after a confrontation with Iran's morality police, Mohammadi slammed Tehran's response, describing it as "indicative of its concerted efforts to prevent the truth from coming to light," according to a post shared on her Instagram page.

Mohammadi's determination to continue working despite her imprisonment "carries a powerful message," said a fellow Iranian activist and former colleague, speaking on the condition of anonymity because of security concerns.

"Narges Mohammadi is one of the very few who not only has stayed in Iran but remains active, whether she is out or imprisoned," she said. Her example is an inspiration within the activist community and among young people who continue to face attempts by the country's leadership to quash dissent, the activist added.

Iran is carrying out waves of arrests targeting activists, journalists and intellectuals in an attempt to stamp out dissent and tighten social restrictions. After protests erupted following Amini's death last year, Iranian authorities arrested some 20,000 people.

Mohammadi's husband, Taghi Rahmani, is an activist who also spent years in Iranian prisons and now lives in exile in France with their twin children.

He told The Washington Post in May that they met while college students at Imam Khomeini International University in Qazvin, Iran. "She was full of life and zeal for living," he said.

In one case, he recalled, university officials ordered the uprooting of a field of poppy flowers — a symbol of love in Persian culture — that annually bloomed on campus. Mohammadi went straight to the campus clergy to protest.

"You massacre people, and now you are massacring these flowers," he recalled she told them. Mohammadi enjoys other pastimes, such as rock climbing and singing, "but of course every song that she sings is about freedom and liberty," Rahmani said.

"One thing that I really love about her is that she always lives for others," he said. "Even when I'm talking about these things [about her], she says: 'No, it's not about me. Talk about other people.' It's really her mission in life to be the voice for the voiceless."

"She always believes that it has to come from you," he said. "She always says, you get up and do it."

While it was once politicians and leaders winning the prestigious prize, in recent years the honor has increasingly gone to organizations and individuals promoting human rights and humanitarian work. Amid war in Europe, last year's prize went to human rights activists and organizations in Belarus, Russia and Ukraine, while in 2021, it was awarded to Russian and Philippine journalists for promoting freedom of expression.

The last political leader to receive the prize, Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed in 2019, for peace efforts with neighboring Eritrea, came under criticism after a brutal civil war erupted in the northern part of the African country.

Alone among the prizes, which are handed out by Scandinavian institutions, the Peace Prize is awarded by a five-member Norwegian committee chosen by the Norwegian parliament, in accordance with Alfred Nobel's wishes.

> *"They will put me behind bars again, but I will not stop campaigning until human rights and justice prevail in my country."*
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> **Narges Mohammadi,** in her book "White Torture"

Mohammadi has been previously honored by Reporters Without Borders, the PEN America Literary Gala and the United Nations' World Press Freedom Prize for her work defending human rights and her commitment to journalism under threat.

Mohammadi and two other Iranian journalists recognized by the United Nations "paid a hefty price for their commitment to report on and convey the truth," said Zainab Salbi, chair of the international jury of media professionals who chose the press freedom prize winners.

"We are committed to honoring them and ensuring their voices will continue to echo worldwide until they are safe and free," Salbi said.

Past detained people to receive the Nobel Peace Prize include German pacifist Carl von Ossietzky in 1935, Myanmar democracy campaigner Aung San Suu Kyi in 1991, Chinese rights activist Liu Xiaobo in 2010 and one of last year's winners, Belarusian human rights advocate Ales Bialiatski.

Arguably the most famous of the prizes set out by Alfred Nobel in his will, the Peace Prize includes a gold medal and an award of more than $1 million for an individual or organization most contributing to "fraternity between nations," reducing standing armies or holding peace conferences. The definition has since been expanded to include humanitarian work and the struggle for human rights.

The possible political motives of the award are always closely scrutinized to see what message the committee is sending the world. There were 351 candidates for the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize — the second-highest number ever, according to the organization.

The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded 103 times between 1901 and 2022. Other famous Peace Prize winners include girls' education advocate Malala Yousafzai, civil rights campaigner Martin Luther King Jr. and Catholic humanitarian Mother Teresa.

Earlier this week, the Nobel Prize in medicine was awarded to two scientists whose research laid the groundwork for messenger RNA vaccines that transformed the threat of the coronavirus pandemic. On Tuesday, three scientists who probed the blurry realm of the electron were awarded the Nobel Prize in physics.

The Nobel Prize in chemistry was awarded Wednesday to three scientists for their fundamental discoveries in nanotechnology — particles once considered impossibly small to make, with applications in television screens and LED lamps. On Thursday, Norwegian novelist and playwright Jon Fosse won the Nobel Prize for literature.

Schemm and Suliman reported from London. Miriam Berger and Bryan Pietsch in Washington contributed to this report.

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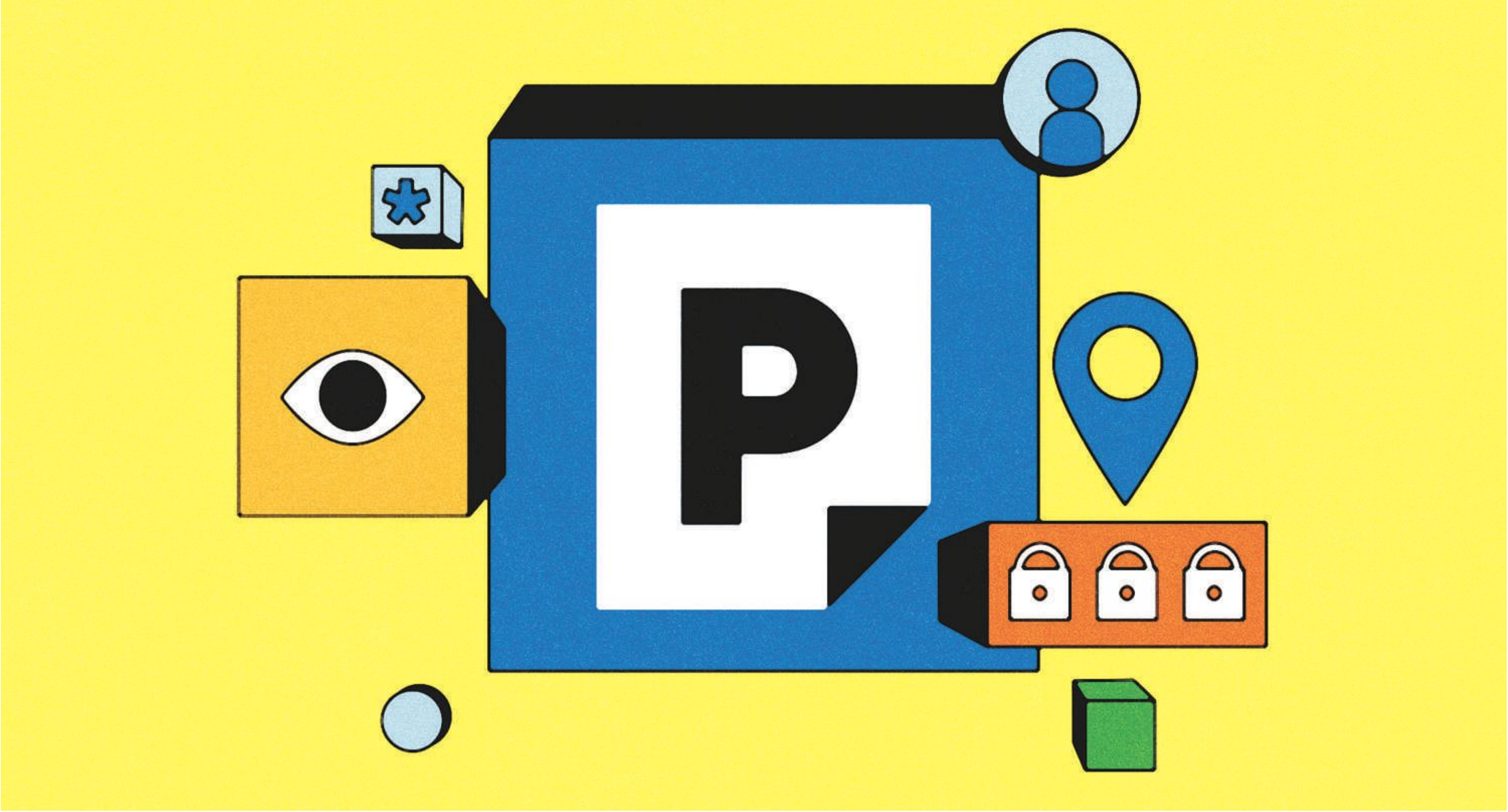
Permission Slip lets you delete your digital history from dozens of companies



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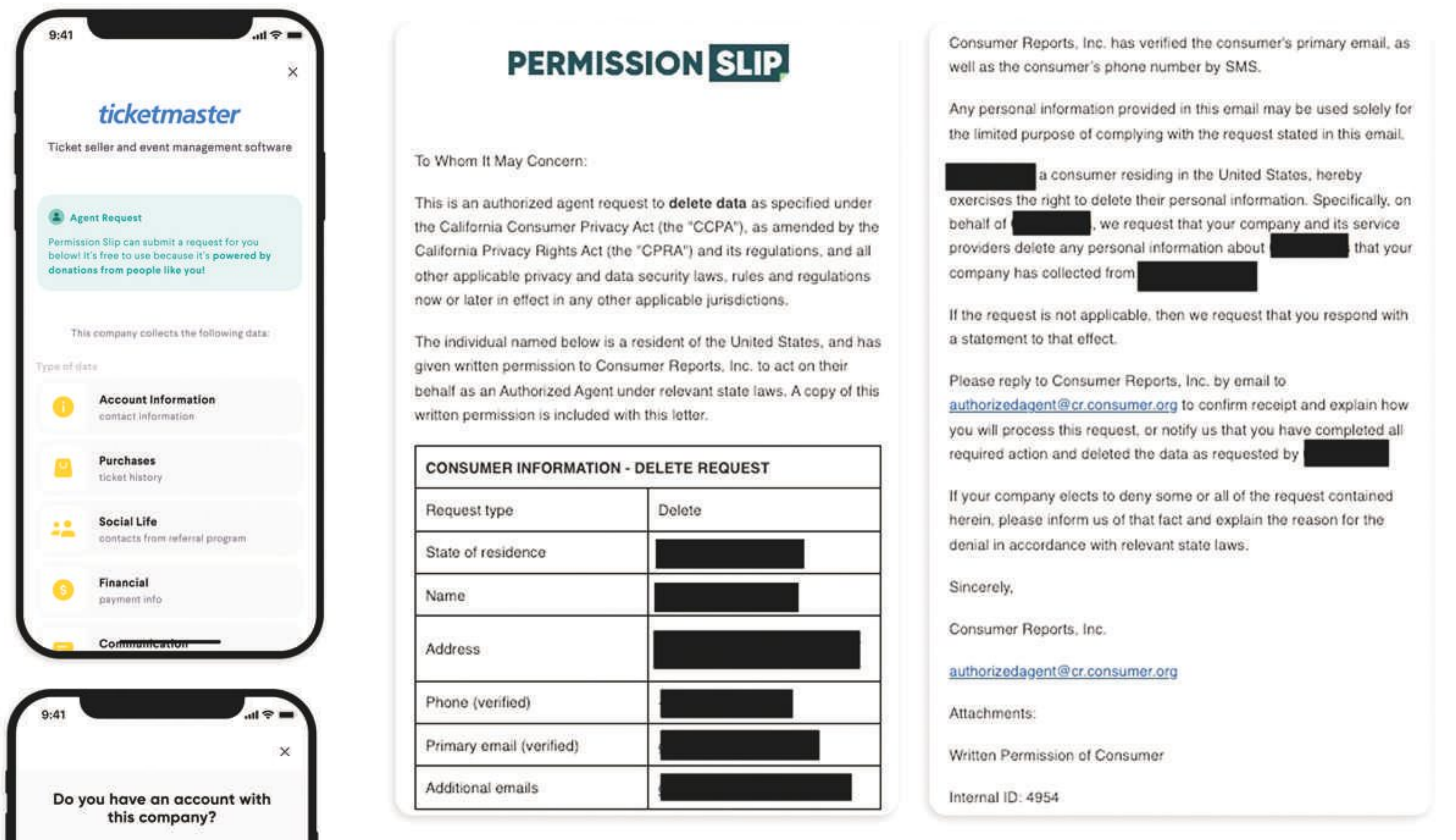

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The Permission Slip app, created by Consumer Reports, acts as a legally “authorized agent” to get companies to delete your personal data. After showing you the companies with your data, Permission Slip gives you options to either not sell your data or delete your account with the company.

Geoffrey A. Fowler

Sick of companies grabbing and selling your address, birth date, location, online activity, dog food brand and even adult-film preferences? Oh boy, do I have some good news.

A new iPhone and Android app called Permission Slip makes it super simple to order companies to delete your personal information and secrets. Trying it saved me about 76 hours of work telling Ticketmaster, United, AT&T, CVS and 35 other companies to knock it off.

Did I mention Permission Slip is free? And it’s made by an organization you can trust: the nonprofit Consumer Reports. I had a few hiccups testing it, but I’m telling everyone I know to use it. This is the privacy app all those snooping companies don’t want you to know about.

(A surge of interest in Permission Slip has caused technical difficulties for Consumer Reports. If you can’t get on, try again later or reach out to their support line at permissionslip@cr.consumer.org.)

Here’s how it works: Following California in 2020, a dozen states passed laws that finally gave Americans some digital privacy rights. They empower us to tell companies to stop selling and delete our data, but the truth is they’re pretty painful to take advantage of. You have to jump through hoops, going to each and every company that might have your data to fill out forms.

Until now. Permission Slip acts behind the scenes as a legally “authorized agent” — kind of like your own privacy butler. You tell the app your name, email address(es) and phone number, and it does most of the work, sending emails and filling out paperwork on your behalf after it has verified your information. Even if your state isn’t one of the ones with a privacy law, most national companies respect these sorts of data privacy requests from all Americans.

After using Permission Slip, most people notice a decrease in creepy targeted ads, says Ginny Fahs, who has been working on the app for the past three years at the Innovation Lab, a division of Consumer Reports.

So how do you get started? Permission Slip opens up to a series of cards you swipe through, each representing a company that collects and possibly sells your data. Tap on a company card, and up pops a summary of data the company knows and your options to take action, depending on whether you have an account. At the bottom, you usually get two options: “Do Not Sell My Data” or “Delete My Account.” Tap one and Permission Slip starts the process.

Then you can do it again for a different company. Each takes just a few seconds.

This works for far more than just tech companies. Permission Slip covers Starbucks, Netflix, Disney, Lowes, Panda Express, reproductive app Glow and adult website Pornhub, to name a few — and plans to keep adding more. It also includes The Washington Post.

What kind of personal information are we talking about? You might be (unpleasantly) surprised. For example, Permission Slip highlights that the retailer Petco could have your name and address, demographics and locations from where you’ve used their app on your phone, not to mention every little detail of your pet. More eyebrow-raising: Adult website Pornhub collects the email, username, demographics, on-site search history, browser info and interests from people with registered accounts.

What about all those data companies whose names most people don’t recognize — the ones that make money by collecting and selling your information? A second part of the app can automatically ask data brokers to delete their creepy file of personal information about you. (I hope Permission Slip adds some of the obnoxious voter data brokers ahead of us all getting blitzed with political spam and texts for the 2024 election cycle.)

“The more data you have out there, the more attack surface there is for security breaches and for data to leak. So having good data hygiene is really helpful for preventing future harm,” Fahs says.

There are a growing number of privacy apps on the market, but Permission Slip stands out in part for being free, not trying to upsell you on a product like a VPN, and not needing access to more data like your email inbox to work. Consumer Reports says it won’t abuse your data — not even to sell subscriptions to its magazine — and minimizes the data it collects about you while working as your agent. Through an open trial period, the app has already processed 200,000 requests.

Sweating the details

Permission Slip was easy for me to use, with the app sweating most of the details. But if you’re going to dive in, there are a few things to know.

It’s super fast to use the app, but can take some time for your requests to be fulfilled. Companies typically have at least 15 business days to opt you out of selling your data, and 45 business days to delete your data.

Permission Slip stays on top of the companies in a dashboard of all your pending and completed requests. Sometimes companies ask for additional information to process requests, and Permission Slip has human agents go through them to minimize the hassle for you. (It pays for those humans and other expenses, in part, with grants from the Omidyar Foundation and others.)

Often, companies insist on reaching out to you directly — so you’ll want to keep an eye on your inbox. For example, Disney sent me an email asking to confirm my request, which was easy.

The most cumbersome response I got was from reservation service OpenTable, which emailed to say that if I wanted it to not sell my data I would have to log into their website, navigate to privacy settings, and figure out which of its half-dozen settings I wanted to turn off. Permission Slip told me fewer than 10 percent of the companies in its app do something like this. When I reached out for comment, OpenTable told me its extra steps help “ensure it is not a fraudulent request” and “make it possible for diners to customize their privacy preferences (particularly relevant to those who have created a diner profile with OpenTable).”

You will still need to make some important choices. Before you swipe through the app and tell every company to delete your data, know there may be good reasons you want a company to have your data. For example, if you delete your Netflix account, then you couldn’t use Netflix. There may even be companies you decide to allow to sell or share your data. For example, Permission Slip points out that opting out at Petco could affect your discounts and rewards if you use the retailer’s Pal Rewards program.

“What we’re hoping to do is provide a little bit of education on the sorts of data that different companies collect and then help consumers reason with how they want to manage their data,” Fahs says.

Unfortunately, Big Tech companies like Google, Meta and Amazon make it particularly hard to make use of the “do not sell” and “delete” options to protect your privacy. To start with, they say they don’t “sell” your data — instead, they keep it for themselves to make lots of money off your digital life. And deleting your account probably isn’t an option if you want to keep using Google services like Gmail. In some of these cases, Permission Slip offers step by step instructions to download your data or just delete parts of it, but the process isn’t automated.

If you want to reclaim your privacy from these sorts of Big Tech companies, you can also make your way through the Help Desk’s Privacy Reset Guide. It walks you through the most important privacy settings to adjust for Google, Amazon, Facebook, Apple, Android and more. (Friends don’t let friends keep the default settings for any of these companies.) And you can help stop companies from snooping on you in the first place by using a web browser that stops unwanted tracking, like Mozilla’s Firefox.

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REAL ESTATE

Office owners see strong third quarter

This year’s biggest real estate loser is flipping the script when it comes to performance — but it’s still on shaky ground.

In a surprising display of strength, one of the real estate sector’s weakest links pulled through the third-quarter as a relative bright spot. Office owners staged their first quarterly outperformance against the S&P 500 since 2020. The group slipped just 2.8 percent for the third-quarter, compared to the S&P 500’s nearly 3.7 percent quarterly drop.

It’s a drastic improvement from the lows the group has clocked in since the start of the pandemic, but the sector is vulnerable to the elevated interest-rate environment. Last month, there was a surprise spike in hiring in the United States, sparking concerns that the Federal Reserve will hike rates again before the end of the year.

The robust jobs report sent real estate stocks plummeting, making it among the worst-performing sectors in the S&P 500. Office REITs hit their lowest intraday level since 2009 Friday.

Despite the latest blow, the group just wrapped up its best quarter since the start of the pandemic compared with its real estate landlord peers, falling just 1.5 percent in the third quarter, according to Evercore ISI data. Only data centers came close to office landlords shedding 2.5 percent.

Office owners received a lift during the third-quarter after SL Green Realty sold its 49.9 percent stake in 245 Park Avenue in late June, spurring a broad-based relief rally across the entire peer group, according to Bloomberg Intelligence analyst Jeffrey Langbaum.

“That may just be one data point, but it showed that at least one investor was willing to put incremental equity capital into an office building, and absorb a large amount of office-backed debt,” he said.

— Bloomberg News

MEDICATION

Weight loss drugs take toll on treat makers

The bad news keeps piling up for the makers of everything from soft drinks to chocolate and booze.

The latest blow took the form of comments from Walmart, which said this week it’s already seeing an impact on shopping demand from people taking Ozempic, Wegovy and other appetite-suppressing medications. That’s sent shares of food and beverage companies sliding.

Oreo maker Mondelez International was among the worst performers in the S&P 500 Consumer Staples Index on Friday, extending Thursday’s plunge to hit the lowest level since November 2022. Kellanova, the company behind Cheez-It and Pringles, PepsiCo, and Modelo maker Constellation Brands all slumped. The consumer staples gauge fell as much as 2.7 percent on Friday, and it’s on pace for its worst week since September 2022, with retailers Walmart, Costco Wholesale and Kroger also tumbling.

In Europe, food and beverage companies also came under pressure. Chocolatier Lindt & Spruengli and Anheuser-Busch InBev slid, while Nestlé dropped 2.5 percent, the most since May.

— Bloomberg News

Southern has agreed to pay at least $413 million to settle a dispute over construction costs at the Vogtle nuclear plant in Georgia after the budget ballooned. It also said the site’s last reactor is slated to go into service in 2024 after discovering a fault in a coolant pump. The company will pay $308 million to Oglethorpe Power, one of its partners in the project, according to a filing Friday. Southern also agreed to pay a portion of future costs, which it estimated at $105 million, plus two-thirds of costs that exceed that amount. The agreement resolves a legal fight over cost overruns at the project, which is years behind schedule. The total budget to build two reactors at the site has more than doubled to exceed $30 billion.

Yuga Labs, the crypto company behind the popular Bored Ape Yacht Club and CryptoPunks non-fungible token collections, said it is laying off some staff across its business as part of an internal restructuring. Employees were informed of the changes in an email by newcomer chief executive Daniel Alegre on Friday, who said that his six months at the company had shown that it required streamlining. “I realized very quickly that there were a number of projects that, while well-intentioned, either spread the team too thin or required execution expertise beyond our core competencies,” he said in the email, which was published online by Yuga. A spokesperson for Yuga declined to specify the number of employees affected.

— From news services

Kaiser Permanente strike hits classic labor issues in post-pandemic era

BY AARON GREGG AND LAUREN KAORI GURLEY

Some mornings, Rolando Medina wakes up desperate to sleep a little longer and has to will himself out of bed to make it to his job at a Kaiser Permanente behavioral health clinic in Simi Valley, Calif.

Medina said he finds motivation from a look at his family as he walks out the door. And from the $100 tank of gas that used to cost $40. And from the monthly rent that has ballooned to $2,200 for the two-bedroom apartment he shares with his spouse and four of his children.

"There are times when I think to myself I don't want to go to work, I'd like to sleep a bit longer," Medina said. "But I know it has to be done to take care of my family."

He is among 75,000 Kaiser Permanente health-care workers striking this week over wages, outsourcing and staffing. Unionized staff and Kaiser are fighting over bread-and-butter issues that organized labor and employers have tussled over for decades, albeit supercharged for a workforce still dogged by staffing shortages and high inflation after the pandemic.

They also are part of a highly energized union movement that is pressing its advantage amid worker shortages in numerous industries. The U.S. economy added 336,000 jobs in September, more than twice what analysts forecast. The unusually strong numbers amid the Federal Reserve's ongoing efforts to slow the economy lends additional leverage to workers.

They are represented by the Coalition of Kaiser Permanente Unions, which is trying to pressure the nonprofit health-care organization to agree to larger wage increases each year. It has accused the company of "bargaining in bad faith" and called its contract offers insulting.

Kaiser is a privately owned nonprofit health-care provider, among the largest in an increasingly prominent crop of "managed care" organizations that operate health insurance plans alongside hospitals, specialized clinics, labs and pharmacies.

"Kaiser Permanente, our industry, and our employees are now operating in a new cultural, labor, and post-pandemic environment that we are all working hard to understand," the nonprofit wrote Wednesday in an unsigned statement.

An earlier proposal from Kaiser would have set minimum wages at $21 to $23, depending on the location starting in 2024, to be increased by $1 each year of a four-year contract. A union proposal submitted in early August calls for 7 percent annual raises for the first two years of a four-year contract, and would set a $25-per-hour minimum across the company.

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Rolando Medina works as a clerk at a Kaiser Permanente clinic in Simi Valley, Calif., and spends 40 hours a week as a driver for Lyft.

Kaiser officials say their employees already earn higher wages and benefits compared with competitors and were provided with more than $1 billion in special pandemic benefits, child-care grants and other rewards since 2020.

A Kaiser spokesperson said Thursday that the organization "leads total compensation in every market where we operate," with a staff attrition rate of 7 percent.

"In some places, like in Southern California, a Kaiser Permanente employee leaving for a similar job at another organization would on average face a 20-plus percent pay cut and lower benefits," the Kaiser spokesperson said.

But Medina says his own wage of $35 an hour doesn't come close to covering expenses in his area, where regular unleaded gas can cost about $6 a gallon. "Inflation has taken a huge toll," Medina said.

That's one reason he spends an extra 40 hours a week driving for Lyft in the evenings. But he blames his fatigue on Kaiser's staffing issues — the organization, he said, doesn't hire enough workers to handle the caseload at a time when mental health services are in short supply across the country.

Kaiser Permanente and its peers have struggled with an exodus of staffers in the three years since the nation became embroiled in the pandemic. Both sides admit there is a staffing problem, but there is disagreement as to its cause: The union charges that Kaiser isn't hiring fast enough, while Kaiser points to a "great resignation" of workers in the health-care sector.

Each workday at Kaiser, Medina spends eight hours helping therapists with scheduling, managing calendars, coordinating their patient loads and sending out letters. But he and other unionized workers say Kaiser's hiring has not kept pace with its caseload, forcing them to take on additional job duties.

Medina said he has to step away often from his regular job to do the job of a receptionist — "take care of our patients, check them in" — something that he says prevents him from doing his own job well. Because of understaffing, he said, it's common for patients to wait up to a month to see a therapist.

"We're filling in the gaps for the workers we don't have," Medina said. "Kaiser knows this is happening, but to them, as long as we can make it work in a sense, everything is fine."

His lunches and other breaks during the day are reserved for naps, Medina says, as he takes any chance he can to catch up on sleep. "Every [time] I get an opportunity, I do get some rest," he said.

"It's unfortunate because we know Kaiser has the funds," he said. "We know they can stop the strike at any time because we've seen how much they've generated."

The organization's executives say those labor challenges, along with higher caseloads and its own inflation impacts, have led to a surge in costs over the past year. The organization ran a net loss of $4.5 billion in 2022 on $95.4 billion in operating revenue. The previous year it reported a positive net income of $8.1 billion.

So far this year, Kaiser has reported hiring 10,086 new unionized employees as of Wednesday, outstripping a landmark that both sides had previously set for 2023.

Part of the goal of the strike, Medina says, is to "make sure Kaiser understands how short staffed the clinic and hospitals are."

"We're hoping and praying they do manage to focus and get to the point where they appreciate everything we do," Medina said. "We're standing up for each other and ourselves."

Surprise job surge throws Fed another curveball

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slightly from the wage growth in the 12 months that ended in August, and the monthly increase remained flat at 0.2 percent.

Meanwhile, economists say robust job postings are likely to be pulling workers back into the labor force, accounting for the uptick in the unemployment rate in recent months. Still, the overall labor force participation rate and rate for prime-age workers, those between 25 and 54 years old, were flat in September.

Major stock indexes bristled on news of September's unexpectedly hot jobs report, then recovered, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average rising almost 300 points at the close. But investors still fear additional interest rate hikes and worry that yields on government bonds will continue to climb sharply. The 10-year Treasury yield, a crucial benchmark that buttresses borrowing rates worldwide, hit 4.88 percent on Friday, the highest level since 2007. Higher Treasury yields translate into increased prices for consumers and businesses.

The September report caps off 33 months of consecutive job gains and scores a political victory for President Biden, who has endeavored to cement a pro-worker record as he gears up for his reelection campaign after being pummeled for surging inflation last year.

Biden cheered on news of robust job creation as evidence that his "Bidenomics" plan to rebuild the economy and expand the middle class by investing in manufacturing and infrastructure is working.

"Bidenomics is about investing in America and investing in American workers," Biden said, adding, "We're creating good jobs in communities all across the country, including in places that have been left behind."

Payrolls ballooned in a variety of service-related industries in September, with the strongest gains in leisure and hospitality, government, health care, professional and technical services, and social assistance.

The leisure and hospitality sector, which hemorrhaged workers during the pandemic, finally returned to pre-pandemic levels of employment in September, adding 96,000 jobs. Most of those gains were in food and drinking places, while accommodation remains below its pre-pandemic levels.

Government payrolls added 73,000 jobs, with large gains in public state-funded education and local government. Still, the sector has struggled to retain workers amid high rates of burnout tied to understaffing.

Health care, which has been buoying the labor market for months, added 41,000 jobs as an aging population and covid-related backlogs weighed on the industry.

Manufacturing and construction, both interest-rate-sensitive industries, have remained remarkably resilient — slowing as expected, though continuing to add jobs.

Warehousing, transportation and the information sector, which includes tech and entertainment and boomed during pandemic lockdowns, have slowed as consumer demand has shifted away from goods to services. These industries showed little change in September.

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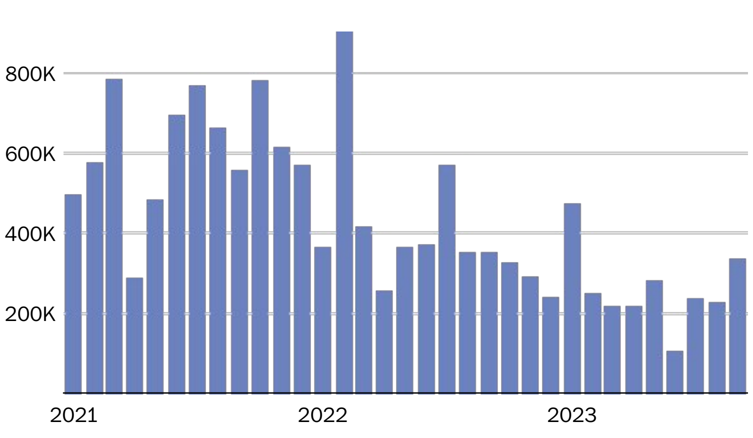
Shoppers at New York's Fifth Avenue Apple Store last month. The September jobs report showed the most gains since January, nearly doubling forecasts. The unemployment rate held at 3.8 percent.

Monthly change in non-farm jobs



Seasonally adjusted; the figures for the most recent two months are preliminary

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Diane Swonk, the chief economist for KPMG, describes the current dynamic as a "relay race," with some interest-rate-sensitive sectors running out of steam and handing the baton off to other sectors — keeping the economy firmly out of recession territory.

> *"We're creating good jobs in communities all across the country, including in places that have been left behind."*
> **President Biden**

Still, the jobs report signals a bumpy path ahead for the Fed. Interest rate increases have been designed to cool demand for all kinds of goods and services, including homes and motor vehicles. Companies also were expected to pull back on hiring to offset the growing costs of investing and expanding their businesses. As they hiked rates, Fed officials bet the economy could avoid widespread layoffs if employers simply cut the number of unfilled jobs and reduced hiring to a more sustainable pace.

But the opposite continues to happen. The number of job openings rose in August, from 8.9 million to 9.6 million, according to Labor Department data out this week. And employers continue to hire at breakneck speed. That means the Fed could need to keep raising rates, and hold them higher for longer, until officials are sure that the labor market is slowing in a way that brings down inflation and stabilizes the broader economy.

Much of the Fed's fight is about taming inflation, which soared to 40-year highs in 2022. There's been significant progress on that front, with a key inflation measure cooling notably late in the summer. The central bank has made clear it has more work to do to fully snuff out inflation. But the Fed could increasingly have to account for the hot job market, too, in deciding how much further to raise rates.

The Fed meets two more times this year, and central bankers have left the door open for another rate increase.

The labor market faces other headwinds. Although the federal government avoided an end-of-September shutdown, which could have hurt the economy, another looms in November, and congressional Republicans cannot do anything about government funding while they lack a speaker of the House, which they control.

Meanwhile, a season of labor strikes, including the 160,000-strong Hollywood actors work stoppage, going on since mid-July, and about 25,000 autoworkers on strike against the Big Three vehicle manufacturers in Detroit, could put a damper on consumer spending and lead to more layoffs. This week, about 75,000 health-care workers launched a three-day strike against Kaiser Permanente over wages and staffing levels. (The autoworkers strike has not shown up in September's jobs report.)

Some economists believed the case for another rate increase was fading because Treasury markets have been tightening in ways that can mimic an interest rate hike. In remarks at the Economic Club of New York on Thursday, San Francisco Fed President Mary Daly said the bond market had "tightened quite considerably" since Fed officials convened last month.

"That is equivalent to about a [0.25 percent] rate hike. And so then the need to do tightening additionally is not there," Daly said.

Some business say they're grappling with the effects of both restrictive financial conditions and a tighter labor market.

Near the boardwalk in Rehoboth Beach, Del., Patrick Ramos, a manager at Mariachi Restaurant, said this summer was the slowest for business since the start of the pandemic.

"It feels like there's been a little recession," Ramos said of the 300-seat Mexican restaurant known for its seafood fajitas. "Everything is more expensive. People don't want to spend money. We still get busy, but not like we did when people had stimulus checks."

But hiring remains a big challenge, Ramos said. It's difficult to find international workers who used to come for the summer and others locally willing to work for the wages the restaurant offers.

"We're understaffed," Ramos said. "Before covid, we had 13 servers on a Friday or Saturday. Now we have eight."

UAW strike won't grow for now amid progress

BY JEANNE WHALEN

The United Auto Workers union said Friday that General Motors had agreed to put battery manufacturing facilities for electric vehicles into its national union contract and that Ford has boosted its proposed wage increase to 23 percent over four years — signs of progress in contract negotiations that led the union not to widen its strike to more factories for now.

"We are winning, we are making progress, and we are heading in the right direction," UAW President Shawn Fain said Friday in a live stream on Facebook, wearing a union T-shirt that read, "Eat the rich." "Strikes, and the threat of strikes by a unified membership, are what deliver."

He said GM "has now agreed in writing to place their electric battery manufacturing under our national master agreement," a step he called a major win. Fain said GM's decision was prompted by the union's threat to expand the strike to an additional GM factory in Arlington, Tex., that makes some of the company's most popular and profitable SUVs, including the Chevy Tahoe and Suburban, and Cadillac Escalade.

The union has been worried that future battery factories will offer lower wages and less job security than current factories do, and has pushed the Big Three Detroit automakers — Ford, GM and Jeep-maker Stellantis — to commit to including those new facilities in the overall union contract. Ford's chief executive Jim Farley has publicly balked at committing to that, saying the factories aren't yet built or organized by the union. Stellantis hasn't publicly commented on that point.

After Fain's address, GM issued a statement that did not mention a battery concession.

"Negotiations remain ongoing, and we will continue to work toward finding solutions to address outstanding issues. Our goal remains to reach an agreement that rewards our employees and allows GM to be successful into the future," the statement said.

Asked to confirm the battery details, GM spokesman David Barnas said the company had no further comment. GM and its joint-venture partner, South Korea's LG, are running one battery factory near Lordstown, Ohio, where workers recently joined the UAW and made some progress bargaining for a wage increase, though they remain below traditional UAW pay levels. The partners are building additional plants in Michigan and Tennessee.

Ford on Friday largely repeated what it said earlier this week: that it is "open to the possibility of working with the UAW on future battery plants in the U.S." but that "these are multibillion-dollar investments and have to operate at sustainably competitive levels."

Three of the four battery plants the company is planning to build are joint ventures with South Korea's SK On, Ford added: "Workers for none of the four have been hired and won't be for a while. When they are, they can choose union representation and enter into collective bargaining."

After Fain's Facebook address, Stellantis circulated a letter it sent employees saying that there is "good momentum at the bargaining table" but that "gaps" remain.

The UAW is holding a large rally outside a striking Ford plant in Chicago on Saturday afternoon, with Fain and Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson (D) scheduled to speak.

The union in recent weeks has been seeking a 36 percent wage increase over four years. GM and Stellantis are still offering roughly 20 percent, with Ford slightly higher, Fain said. Ford has also cut the time it will take workers to reach the top wage to three years, from eight in the just-expired contract. GM and Stellantis are offering a four-year progression to top wage, Fain said.

The strike to date includes only about 17 percent of the UAW's 150,000 autoworker members, with the union ordering the rest to continue working for now. The walkout involves two Ford factories, two at GM and one at Stellantis, along with dozens of auto-parts warehouses owned by Stellantis and GM.

With its current offer, Stellantis employees will reach an hourly wage of $38.58, or $80,000 a year, by the end of the new contract, the company said.

Full-time UAW workers at the Big Three today earn about $18 to $32 an hour, depending on seniority — wages that have lagged far behind inflation. They also get annual profit-sharing bonuses that have totaled tens of thousands of dollars per worker over the last four years.

Temporary workers today earn $16 to $19 an hour and don't get profit-sharing payments or other bonuses. All of the companies are offering to boost the temp starting wage — GM and Stellantis to $20 an hour and Ford to $21 an hour. Ford has also said it will convert all current temps with three months of service to permanent positions, and give future temps profit-sharing payments.

The strike has been spilling over to affect thousands of non-striking workers, too. The Big Three have temporarily laid off thousands of nonstriking workers, saying that their plants can't operate as normal because they depend on items produced at striking facilities. Ford late Friday laid off an additional 500 workers in Ohio and Michigan, bringing the Big Three total to more than 4,000.

The work stoppage is also rippling out to hit automotive suppliers across the country, with some firms in Michigan and Ohio resorting to temporary layoffs and warning that bankruptcy looms if the strike carries on much longer.

Ford on Thursday said that its suppliers have laid off more than 9,500 workers as a result of the strike. A Washington Post tally showed at least 3,000 supplier employees have been temporarily laid off so far, while an industry association says nearly 30 percent of its supplier members have resorted to layoffs.

FREE FOR ALL

Provide the pertinent information

It would have been helpful to know where to submit design ideas to the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Foundation, as described in the Sept. 26 op-ed by Elliot Ackerman and Jennifer Ballou, "Together, Americans will build the perfect memorial to the endless war on terrorism." The public was invited to participate, but no information was given on how to do so.

For those who would like to contribute, the website is gwotmemorialfoundation.org/helpdesignhistory/.

Susan K. Coti, *Arlington*
The writer is the Gold Star mother of Lance Cpl. Niall Coti-Sears, who was killed in action in 2012 in Afghanistan.

Traumatic times for Aussie punters

I know that (American) football is a rough sport, but I was concerned when I read the Sept. 23 Sports article "At punting, Australia rules."

The article noted that "Australia and its ProKick Academy have drawn from their land of kicking children to send across the Pacific young punters with optical-illusion placement skills."

Oh, dear. I hadn't realized that the country is raising children who are kicked. At least they have developed valuable skills along the way.

By the way, hold your breath when you read this more-than-40-word sentence.

Ruth Salinger, *Bethesda*

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A layered berry chantilly cake.

Berry perplexed about the slicing

The berry chantilly cake featured in Olga Massov's Sept. 20 Food column, "The making of a berry big hit," looks fabulous. Massov said it serves 16 to 20, which raises the question of how to slice a three-layer eight-inch-diameter cake into that many pieces without having it all fall apart.

Perhaps Massov will bake another one and write a follow-up article with photos of the deconstruction process. Or The Post can pay my way to New Orleans and I'll film Chaya Conrad slicing her version at Bywater Bakery. I promise to bring back leftovers to the Food section team, if there are any leftovers.

Charles M. Carron, *Alexandria*

'TV highlights' had value

What has become of the "TV highlights" feature in the daily printed paper? It has disappeared over the past month. I read it every day for years so that my family and I could have a sense of what new and interesting programs might be available. This feature was particularly valuable for streaming programs, which are not listed in TV Week or anywhere else that I know of.

Please bring back the TV highlights.

Joseph Keyerleber, *Washington*

No need for sexist framing

The Sept. 23 Digest item "Spain's women's team wins in return to pitch," about the World Cup-winning team, said, "That achievement ultimately was tarnished by a sexism scandal." The scandal was the alleged sexual battery by one man against a member of the team. There is no way that man's wrongdoing in any way "tarnished" the accomplishments of the team.

How could such misconduct in any way diminish the achievement of those women? The fact that they won despite what we all saw — probably but a tiny fraction of the "stuff" they have to put up with every day — only made their accomplishment that much more spectacular.

Who still thinks that women are tarnished by men's crimes against them? Why is this sexist framing still being used?

Jeanine Hull, *Washington*

Airlines can resolve 'gross flights'

I was amazed at the Sept. 24 Travel article "Tales of gross flights are spreading. Here's what to know."

Most of the cited issues are resolvable with bathroom access. If you feel queasy or have "to go" but there are 10 people in line waiting to get to the toilets in the rear of the plane, people opt to try to "hold" their urges. First-class bathrooms are often empty, but access is denied to travelers in other classes.

In addition to toilet availability are the seemingly increased tarmac time and gate availability upon landing, both of which extend the time that children and older folks try to hold their toilet urges. Again, toilet flexibility is not altered to meet the reality of these onboard realities. Are the airlines really surprised? Their customers are not Barbie and Ken dolls. Planes often have no food that could help settle a bad belly. Saltine crackers work better than a vodka, but the vodka can be purchased.

The airlines seem to have forgotten that the public is made of people. The needs of people are little changed, but the circumstances of flying have changed significantly over time.

Linda Powell, *Springfield*

Black, white and pink all over

The caption to the black-and-white photograph that accompanied the Sept. 29 front-page article "Wedding vendors won cases, left trade" referred to "Lorie Smith, in pink, . . ."

I guess sometimes things aren't as black-and-white as they first appear.

Philip Young, *Somerset*

COURTLAND MILLOY/THE WASHINGTON POST

Substance abuse specialist Ocelia Pearsall demonstrates the proper use of Narcan, an opioid antidote, on her assistant LaTosha Holmes at a community health clinic in D.C. last month.

Don't pile on those with substance use disorders

Courtland Milloy's Sept. 20 Metro column, "She makes the case for saving everyone," used inherently stigmatizing language and messaging regarding those who use drugs. The repeated use of the word "addict" to describe people with substance use disorder has been widely recognized as promoting stigma in news reporting.

This column, about helping people with addiction, labeled people as "addicts" seven times. This perpetuates stigma and contributes to dehumanizing people and defining them by their addiction rather than as human beings with a life-threatening disease. How to quote interview subjects is more subjective, of course. (The person Milloy interviewed was quoted using the word additional times.)

I encourage Post reporters to join the Changing the Narrative effort, a network of reporters, researchers, academics and advocates concerned about the way media outlets represent drug use and addiction.

The column additionally stigmatized people who use drugs by referring to increased "use" of fentanyl and xylazine. Many drugs are terribly contaminated, making it impossible for drug users to avoid fentanyl and xylazine.

This is a public health crisis fueled by a contaminated drug supply that is devastating families across the country.

Wendy Penner, *Williamstown, Mass.*
The writer is a member of North Adams HEALing communities coalition.

Save your money on national polling

I read with interest the Sept. 24 front-page article "Biden faces lagging public approval, polling shows," which described the results of a Washington Post-ABC News poll, and I agree that the poll was an outlier. It made no sense at all. But more than that, I question why The Post is doing general-election polling now.

We no longer have a national election in the true sense of the words. As we have seen in the past two elections, the result of the presidential election will be based on about seven states. The other 43 can be called now without polling. The electoral college is what matters. I believe Joe Biden, who won by about 7 million votes in 2020, will win by 10 million against former president Donald Trump in 2024 but will not get one more electoral vote. (That is, unless Florida puts abortion on the ballot, which could change the vote there.)

I urge The Post to save its money and stop doing general-election presidential polling. It is a waste of money and time, and has no relevance to what the election will look like in November 2024.

Peter D. Rosenstein, *Washington*

Social Security isn't causing the nation's debt

The Sept. 25 front-page article "Fraction of budget drives the battle" repeated the myth that Social Security is one of the main drivers of U.S. debt.

This interpretation conflated issuing debt with buying it. Debt is issued to cover deficits in the general fund, a large portion of which is the Defense Department. Social Security's trust funds ran a surplus for decades, and that surplus was used to buy U.S. Treasurys, just as any responsible fund would do. You could argue that because the United States has to borrow to cover interest expenses to repay investors, Social Security contributes as one of those investors. Social Security funds own less than 10 percent of the treasury debt in circulation, and of that, about 10 percent pays for interest. Hardly a main driver. More important, Social Security is in the process of selling the debt it owns. In any other context, it's easy to understand that the issuance of debt is what creates debt. Imagine if I said that the main driver of my credit card debt was Mastercard, rather than all the purchases I made with it.

Framing Social Security as a driver of debt is convenient for opponents of the program, because it means Social Security is bad no matter what it does. When it buys Treasurys, it contributes to the debt, and when it sells those Treasurys to make up its own deficits, it's headed toward a crisis.

Matthew Thomas, *Fredericksburg*

LARRY CROWE/AP

Nutritional information labels were the creation of graphic designer Burkey Belser.

Giving thanks for Belser's contributions

The Sept. 27 obituary for graphic designer Burkey Belser, "Designer of the 'masterpiece' nutrition facts label," focused on his ubiquitous nutrition facts label and other award-winning commercial work. But Belser's contributions were much more extensive and richer.

He was a committed artist and generous community activist. He did work for the World Wildlife Fund and designed the first poster for the Washington, D.C. International Film Festival in 1987. Belser was thoughtful about his craft. "Persist until you have the one right answer," he wrote.

Belser

Belser, along with artists Lou Stovall, Sam Gilliam and Lloyd McNeill, recently passed away. For decades, they were at the heart of Washington's arts community, giving their talent and time. I thank them.

Tony Gittens, *Washington*
The writer is director of the Washington, D.C. International Film Festival.

Misleading narrative enflames fears about China and DNA

As a researcher in the area of genetics and genomics, I was greatly concerned on reading the Sept. 29 front-page article "Quest for genetic data spurs fears of DNA arms race." The article perpetuated a fear-inducing narrative by relying heavily on insinuations and anonymous quotations from sources in the intelligence and security communities. These sources speculated on possible nefarious intentions behind Chinese organizations' sequencing of human DNA and the establishment of genetic laboratories in foreign countries, which was presented with great credulity.

There are literally hundreds of thousands of publicly available human genome sequences from populations around the world released by projects such as the international 1000 Genomes Project, the Genomics England's 100,000 Genomes Project and the National Institutes of Health's All of Us research project, which has already released 100,000 human genome sequences. Further, countless individual researchers around the world conduct similar research on smaller scales and release their data to the scientific community. A Chinese researcher with legitimate credentials could simply apply for data access to any of these projects. Any efforts by China to conduct its own large genome-sequencing projects would not give China such an edge in genomic research that it could somehow "co-opt the future." At most, it would enable the country's researchers to be slightly more competitive in the biomedical field.

The article additionally suggested the collected genetic data could be used for "ethnic" targeting. Although the story acknowledged that "biological weapons that select targets based on DNA makeup are not technically feasible today and may not be for many years, or perhaps decades," it nevertheless insinuated that China's DNA collection efforts might be aimed at this purpose. However, most genomic scientists would agree not only that the notion is impossible but also that the entire concept is fundamentally nonsensical.

The article included only a single quote from someone who would understand the science underpinning the speculation, biologist Yves Moreau. His comment on the potential use of genetic data for biometrics was unrelated to, but conflated with, the bioweapon fearmongering in the rest of the article. Many countries, including the United States, use genetic data for citizen tracking and identification. Nothing excuses China for its ongoing abuse of its citizens' rights and its use of biometrics in pursuit of that, but this issue is unrelated to those raised in the reporting.

Viewing this multifaceted scientific issue through the singular lens of international security created a misleading narrative. Vigilance regarding China's activities domestically and internationally is warranted, but the reporting in this article furthered a false narrative that could harm international health efforts.

Gene Cutler, *San Francisco*
The writer is founder and principal with Ridgeline Computational Biology.

MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

In one of his final appearances as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Mark A. Milley speaks at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall on Sept. 29.

Presenting 'both sides' as equal is a failure

The Post has continued a "both-sides" posture in the battle between democracy and autocracy and has refused to defend democracy as being under attack.

A Sept. 25 front-page article "Top general departs after a tumultuous era" called Gen. Mark A. Milley "polarizing" and referred to "admirers" and "critics" of the general. Apparently, standing up for the Constitution, avoiding war with China and apologizing for wrongly joining President Donald Trump in political posturing at Lafayette Square are considered "polarizing" and not a defense of democracy.

Democracy will die if The Post continues to normalize fascism and persists in suggesting that both sides have a point.

Leonard Allen Jewler, *Washington*

Regarding the Sept. 25 front-page article: Gen. Mark A. Milley was not "polarizing." That is both-sides language that suggests there are two balanced "poles." Milley chose the side of the U.S. Constitution and national security. Former president Donald Trump did not. He suggested that Milley should be executed.

The Post refuses to signal a clearly fascist playbook that is repeatedly demonstrated in Trump's actions.

Karen J. Leader, *Boca Raton, Fla.*

In standing for the Constitution and the rule of law, Gen. Mark A. Milley apparently ruffled some feathers among right-wing extremists, so The Post saw fit to label the general as "polarizing." This is one of the most blatant instances of "both-sides-ism" that I have ever read.

Mike Lofgren, *Alexandria*

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The Virginia Capitol in Richmond.

For Northern Virginia seats in the General Assembly

Five key legislative races could swing control of the House and Senate.

EVERYTHING HINGES on a handful of competitive contests, including those in five purple Northern Virginia districts. All 140 seats in the General Assembly are on the Nov. 7 ballot, with early voting underway and with Republican Gov. Glenn Youngkin's plan to ban abortion after 15 weeks, with exceptions for rape, incest and saving the life of the mother, driving voter interest. His ability to enact that and other policies might depend on this election's outcome: Republicans, who hold a 49-46 majority in the House of Delegates, are trying to take back the Senate, controlled by Democrats, 22-18.

Senate District 30. Nearly six years after becoming the first transgender state legislator in the United States, Del. **Danica A. Roem** (D) is seeking a well-deserved promotion to an open Senate seat in western Prince William County. She has a solid record, including the expansion of school lunch programs for kids in need. Ms. Roem, a self-described "Tim Kaine Democrat," broke with her party to support penalty enhancements for people who abandon someone overdosing on drugs rather than calling for help. She also bucked leadership to oppose eliminating the grocery tax because it would shortchange transportation funding. "I knew it would be on mailers and pass anyway, but I still voted against it," Ms. Roem said. A former newspaper reporter, she has also been a strong advocate of expanding government transparency.

Her Republican opponent, Bill Woolf, has done noble work to combat human trafficking. As a Prince William County detective, he aggressively pursued the narco-gang MS-13. At the same time — and problematically — he left the force in 2017 after an internal affairs investigation found that he had been moonlighting at another job while on duty.

Senate District 31. Democrat **Russet Perry** is a former CIA officer and county prosecutor. She's holding "Russet for Roe" events across the western Loudoun County district to highlight her support for protecting the status quo in Virginia, where abortion is legal through about 26 weeks of pregnancy. The procedure is allowed in the third trimester only if three doctors certify that continuing the pregnancy is "likely to result in the death of the woman or substantially and irremediably impair the mental or physical health of the woman." Ms. Perry says this is sensible. "I don't want my daughter to grow up with fewer rights than I've had," she said. As a line prosecutor for the Loudoun County commonwealth's attorney, she put violent criminals and child molesters behind bars while helping stand up a drug court and behavioral health docket to get nonviolent offenders the treatment they needed.

Her Republican opponent, Juan Pablo Segura, is a health-care entrepreneur who co-founded a start-up called Babyscripts. He helped bankroll a lawsuit against the school board in Loudoun County, which has been ground zero in the culture wars.

Senate District 27. Democrat **Joel Griffin**, a government contractor and veteran running in a military-heavy area in and around Fredericksburg, felt compelled to run for office as he watched the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection unfold on television. As chair of the Stafford County economic development authority, he helped Germanna Community College expand its nursing and cybersecurity programs.

Also in the race are Del. Tara Durant (R), a former teacher at a parochial school, and Monica Gary, a Stafford County supervisor and an independent. Ms. Gary supports abortion rights and wants to reform the political system by putting in place ranked-choice voting and capping the size of individual donations — both good ideas. But she threatens to play spoiler in this election.

House District 21. John Stirrup (R), a former Prince William County supervisor and onetime chief of staff to then-Rep. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.), was caught on tape saying he'd "support a 100 percent ban" on abortion and called a 15-week ban bill "a starting point" that "really doesn't save that many lives." **Josh Thomas** (D), a commercial real estate lawyer and Marine veteran who served in Afghanistan, is much better suited for this seat in Prince William. He supports abortion rights but has focused his campaigning on pocketbook issues. He's eager to expand low-income housing tax credits to incentivize private-sector construction of affordable housing.

House District 65. In the Fredericksburg area, former delegate **Joshua Cole** (D), an assistant pastor at Zion Church and former president of the Stafford County NAACP, is trying to make a comeback after narrowly losing reelection two years ago. He warns that Republicans will try to roll back gun control laws if they win both chambers. His Republican opponent, Lee Peters, a captain in the Stafford County Sheriff's Office, says what he wants to roll back are some of the policing reforms that passed after George Floyd's 2020 murder.

TAKING EXCEPTION

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's funding is constitutional

In his Oct. 1 op-ed, "Diminish Congress's taste for diminishment," George F. Will urged the Supreme Court to affirm a decision from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit that invalidated funding for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). This decision is contradicted by constitutional text, historical practice and judicial precedent, including recent rulings by the 2nd Circuit, D.C. Circuit and six other federal courts.

Congress authorized funding for the CFPB separate from an annual congressional appropriations process, as Congress has done at times throughout U.S. history and across our government, including for the U.S. Mint (est. 1792), Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (1863), Social Security (1935) and Medicare (1965). Funding for these agencies is legally indistinguishable from the CFPB's, so if all CFPB actions are unconstitutional — as the 5th Circuit recklessly asserts — then all actions from all agencies of this kind are unconstitutional. This is particularly concerning for the Federal Reserve System (1913). Its board, a federal government agency, has the same funding source as the CFPB: assessments on regional Federal Reserve Banks. Someone would be certain to sue to terminate the Federal Reserve System, which serves as a linchpin of our global economy.

Though the 5th Circuit promises its ruling pertains solely to the CFPB, this is as reassuring as an arsonist claiming your office building won't be affected when he incinerates the adjoining building.

Mitria Wilson-Spotser, *Washington*
The writer is vice president and federal policy director at the Center for Responsible Lending.

George F. Will argued that the Supreme Court should hold the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's funding unconstitutional to "strengthen Congress." This is an Orwellian claim if ever there were one, because such a decision would strip Congress of a power it has exercised since the nation's founding.

Mr. Will quoted the language of the constitutional provision at issue, which provides that "no money shall be drawn from the treasury, but in consequence of appropriations made by law." But he failed to meaningfully engage with those words or why they are in the Constitution.

The appropriations power developed in England, and later in America, as a tool of legislative supremacy, giving the people's elected representatives complete discretion over government spending. By requiring "appropriations made by law," the Constitution simply requires Congress to designate a purpose for money in a law that is passed under the normal process for enacting legislation. That's what Congress did when it passed the law establishing the CFPB and gave it a stable source of funding.

Mr. Will wrote that "if properly decided against the CFPB, this case will demonstrate that when the court energetically . . . enforce[s] the separation of powers, it often enlarges not its power but that of Congress." But, in this case, such a decision would do just the opposite, giving unelected judges a new power to second-guess funding decisions made by the people's representatives.

Brianne Gorod, *Washington*
The writer is chief counsel at the Constitutional Accountability Center and filed an amicus brief on behalf of professors of history and constitutional law in the Supreme Court case being discussed.

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Draft Mr. Kemp

Some anti-Trump Republicans, dissatisfied with the current cast of GOP presidential candidates, are touting Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin as a last-minute addition to the field, as Robert Costa wrote in his Oct. 1 Opinion essay, "Alarmed Republicans are preparing to draft Glenn Youngkin."

A more impressive and viable candidate who should be encouraged to run is Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp. Though there are a number of plain-speaking, pragmatic governors focused on results-oriented governance, Mr. Kemp's courageous stand against election denialism and his priority attention to reestablishing Republican Party unity distinguish him.

Only a governor who can attract support from conservative Republicans, crossover Democrats and independent voters can realistically hope to build the kind of gridlock-busting coalition the nation desperately needs at this time.

John R. Leopold, *Pasadena*
The writer, a Republican, is a former Hawaii state senator and Maryland state delegate.

Tricky transportation plans

Big transportation projects are shiny objects. Until they rust.

The June 25 Metro article "Oxford professor offers advice for finishing projects on time and on budget" reported on a study that looked at more than 16,000 megaprojects and found that just 8.5 percent finished on time and on budget. That's a rotten track record.

Maryland is no stranger to toe-stubbing. In 2016, the Hogan administration signed on to build the Purple Line at a cost of $5.6 billion. Today, the cost is pegged at $9.28 billion, and completion, originally slated for 2022, is expected in 2027. Now, Gov. Wes Moore (D) is ready to take a turn at-bat. In August, Mr. Moore said he would use public money to build a new American Legion Bridge, extend the Capital Beltway toll lanes and add toll lanes to a section of Interstate 270. Former Republican governor Larry Hogan's private deal to build the same projects fell apart in March. Mr. Hogan's plan was pegged at $7.6 billion. Mr. Moore has his at $4 billion. Maryland applied for a $2.4 billion federal grant to help fund the work. The Sept. 14 Metro article "Md. shy on funds for key projects" reported that Maryland faced a $2 billion shortfall to build approved projects.

Cost overruns, completion delays, budget shortfalls and shiny objects. That's a dangerous brew. Big projects are complex. There are reasons — and excuses — when things take a bad turn. Mr. Moore should push his transportation department to knuckle down, stay focused and land on the right side of that 8.5 percent.

Philip Shucet, *Norfolk*
The writer is a former Virginia Department of Transportation commissioner and former chief executive of both Hampton Roads Transit and Elizabeth River Crossings.

What Republicans wrought

Regarding the Oct. 4 front-page article "McCarthy voted out as speaker":

The ouster of Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) as House speaker provides an opportunity to make the legislative process more hospitable to bipartisan efforts to solve our country's many problems. Traditionally, we have appointed speakers whom the majority of the speaker's party alone favors. The rules also empower the speaker to block legislation, often disabling bipartisan majorities that would otherwise work together to solve problems.

Our neighbor to the north has a much better system. In Canada, the party in power traditionally nominates a person regarded by both sides as fair to become speaker. That tradition makes it easier to pass centrist legislation. In Britain, the norm of impartiality in the speaker's office is so well entrenched that the speaker must resign from their party upon being elected.

Democrats and patriotic Republicans should together choose a speaker willing to facilitate bipartisan legislation. If Congress establishes a custom of choosing somebody acceptable to both sides instead of a spineless partisan, our democracy will improve. The framers feared that the vice of "faction" would destroy our democracy and sought to avoid it. Reform along these lines would move us one step closer to this important constitutional ideal.

David M. Driesen, *DeWitt, N.Y.*

The Republican Party's nihilists hijacked the party, making the House incapable of governing. Under a parliamentary system, factions organize a governing coalition.

Patriotic and pragmatic representatives from both parties need to form a governing coalition. It will be difficult because our parties have no experience in coalition government.

The first step would be to select a speaker. The Constitution does not require that the speaker be an elected representative. The House is free to select anyone it deems capable of forming an effective coalition. Then the speaker, in consultation with party leaders, would make committee assignments.

Coalition-run legislatures have been effective in other countries. Could a coalition-run legislature be any worse than the House controlled by MAGA extremists that we have now?

Greg Christopulos, *Vienna*

I wonder if our country is circling the drain. For the first time in history, the House speaker has been ousted — a small band of selfish and unpatriotic Republicans succeeded in creating chaos. Former president Donald Trump, someone who promises retribution and says he will destroy most government institutions if elected again, is in court facing serious financial fraud allegations — and using the trial as a media spectacle to bolster his candidacy. President Biden's son pleaded not guilty to federal gun charges, and his father's approval ratings remain well below water. Most Americans believe the country is headed in the wrong direction, and a member of Congress survived an armed carjacking.

Where does this all end? To say the United States is ripe for autocracy is not an overstatement. Witness the history of how fascist governments seize power. We are experiencing far more than what historians and scholars call an "inflection point." It is a crisis that cannot be averted until Americans, regardless of party affiliation and ideology, stand up and place country above political expedience.

Richard Cherwitz, *Austin*

Cover up to be truly heard

The Oct. 2 Style article "The industry needs more women at the helm" referenced Sarah Burton's final collection, which emphasized female empowerment through revealing the models' bodies. The fashion designer perceived showing portions of the models' bodies, through their clothing, as a way of voicing these women's power — saying, "Look at our beautiful figures." Though people stand in awe of these figures, acknowledging them as breathtaking and "pulse-racing," they have no choice but to listen to what these women have to say; they are simply too amazed to do otherwise. A woman's body is incomparable to anything else — a sculpture so perfectly designed.

I feel as though using our bodies as a medium to express our often-unheard voices is taking them for granted. I believe there is beauty in the modesty that keeps our bodies a secret from the world around us. Rather than showcasing pieces of the female figure to bring attention to the ways we see the world, let's learn to find power in raising our voices, standing up for what we believe in and appreciating the beautiful complexities of the human body. We can do this without putting our bodies on display for all to see.

Julie Marco, *Arlington*

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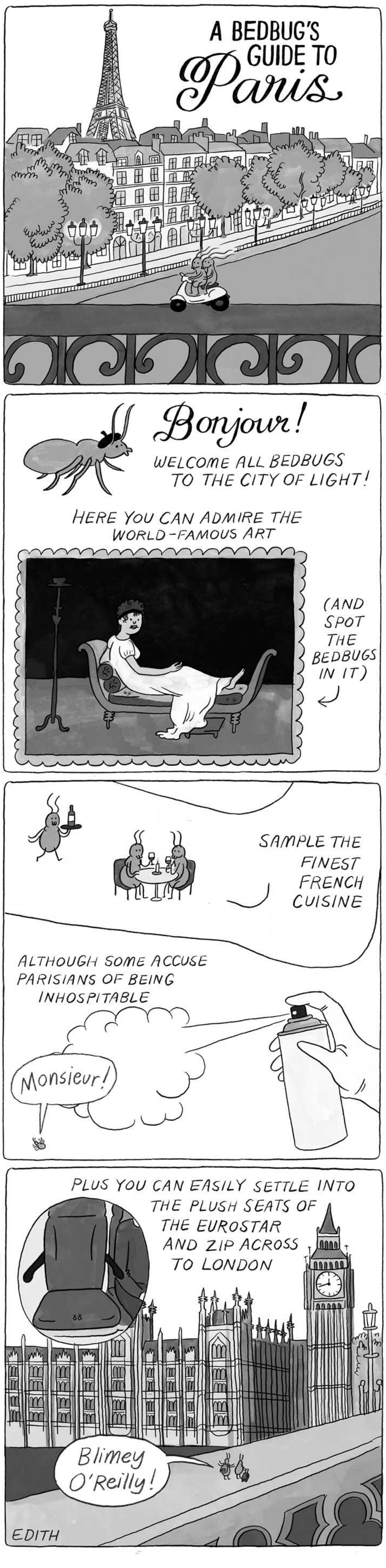

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There's turmoil in Congress — and on D.C.'s streets

Serious collisions occurred this week in Washington, and Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-Tex.) came out the worse for wear. But so did the House of Representatives and neighborhoods in this capital city.

The chaos in Cuellar's place of work centered on now-former House speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), who in just nine months of service proved himself to be craven, untrustworthy and undeserving of his high office. Cuellar was one of the 216 House members — eight Republicans and all the Democrats who voted — who took the unprecedented step Tuesday of ousting McCarthy from his speakership. Left in McCarthy's wake? A deeply partisan and polarized House and a sliver-thin Republican majority smoldering with anger and resentment. Now, with twice-impeached, four-time-criminally-indicted former president Donald Trump's endorsement of right-wing firebrand Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) to replace McCarthy, expect the House to continue on the road to ruin.

That tumultuous day followed another one for Cuellar, who on Monday evening joined the ranks of the 760 carjacking victims this year in D.C. His entry came courtesy of what he described as three "young-looking" men in ski masks with drawn guns in his Southeast D.C. neighborhood. Turmoil in the halls of Congress? No match to our nation's capital's experience with violent crime.

Of the 114 carjacking arrests this year? Sixty-four percent have involved juveniles. And note: 760 carjackings to date are more than twice the number at this time last year. Only 189 cases have been closed.

Because of Cuellar's congressional status, the Capitol Police and FBI have joined the hunt for the three masked culprits. "We have a number of leads," said Capitol Police Chief Tom Manger. White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said, "We are certainly grateful and relieved that the congressman was unharmed." And Cuellar said President Biden called to "check up on me."

It is uncertain whether any of the hundreds of other D.C. carjacking victims have received calls from their elected leaders. It might not matter much. But Cuellar's neighbors said they hope his experience will bring attention to how D.C. is dealing with crime, with one saying, "I hope it brings some light, some pressure on the mayor . . . whoever needs to get started down here because it's getting bad. It is bad."

Circling back to Congress, it's worth noting that Cuellar was among the handful of Democrats and majority of House Republicans who voted on Feb. 9 to overturn the D.C. Council-passed criminal code reforms, which would have lowered maximum penalties for several violent criminal offenses, including carjackings. D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) was on Cuellar's side. She vetoed the measure but was overridden 12-1 by the council.

Which is connected to the current moment because D.C. Council member Brooke Pinto (D-Ward 2), chairwoman of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, plans to push legislation to make it easier to charge carjacking suspects. With its D.C. oversight responsibilities, Congress might reenter the picture.

Yet more needs to be done.

Bowser's announcement Thursday that a multi-agency task force had arrested 48 people and recovered guns from three marks a step in getting violent offenders off the streets. For how long? Only judges know. Many of those arrested were on supervised release or probation. With that many offenders committing violations while under supervision, what does that say about the reality of justice in D.C.?

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Increasing numbers of the city's residents and visitors are being victimized and traumatized by violent crime, as Pinto has observed. And increasing numbers of juveniles are involved. We must drill down into the juvenile justice system and look at what's driving the crime, who's committing it and, most important, what happens to them after they are convicted.

And that involves looking beyond the processes of catching and sentencing.

"Hurt people hurt people" is an insightful adage. Here's the rest: "Because they, too, have been hurt." It's a lesson I learned along the way as a listener to those hurt by crime and those who victimize. It's a lesson I also learned as a mentor. Hurt people hurt people, and they will keep doing damage until halted and healed. Juvenile justice system, are you listening?

Be assured, the impact of this week's Washington collisions involving Cuellar, and the rest of us, will reverberate for a long time to come. Will Washington, from the Capitol to our communities, be the worse for wear?

MEGAN MCARDLE

For their own sake, Democrats should have helped McCarthy

For all the attention it's getting on social media, the least interesting question in American politics today is who deserves blame for the fall of now-former speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) and the chaos that has engulfed the House of Representatives. There's enough blame to go around — and, in any case, innocence is no protection from the consequences.

Obviously, it's not the job of Democrats to rescue the ungovernable Republican Conference from its worst impulses, nor is it their fault that eight members of that caucus decided to stage a pointless rebellion against their own leadership. And McCarthy might have rescued his speakership if he'd done more to court Democratic support. When Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) put forward a motion to vacate the speakership, McCarthy should probably not have just assumed that Democrats would help him out — or at least abstain from the vote, allowing the majority of Republicans who still supported him to vote down the rebellion. He should have, y'know, made sure.

Yet Democrats cannot deny that they were active participants, not mere passive spectators, politely declining to rescue a Republican who demanded their assistance but offered nothing in return. They took the unprecedented step of banding together with a handful of the GOP's most radically unserious attention junkies to vacate the speakership for the first time in U.S. history — a motion for which they provided all but eight of the 216 votes.

In doing this, Democrats broke with tradition. Joshua Huder, a senior fellow at Georgetown University's Government Affairs Institute, told me that, historically, "parties just did not get involved in the other party's leadership stuff."

Democrats should have held to that precedent. Not because they now bear moral responsibility for the catastrophe — that prize goes to Gaetz and his merry band of outlaws. But because the chaos is bad for America in a way that might come back to bite Democrats in a very tender place.

Democratic defenders seem to have several theories of how things might actually work out well for them. The most basic is that McCarthy's undoing simply doesn't matter, because all Republicans are hostage to the same radical faction. This seems daft. Every likely candidate for speaker is at least as conservative as McCarthy, and at least one plausible candidate, Jim Jordan (Ohio), is much more so. I doubt Jordan would have sought Democratic help to avert a government shutdown, as McCarthy did (triggering the Gaetz rebellion). And I doubt anyone else will in the future, either, after Democrats helped overthrow McCarthy.

Nor can I bring myself to believe, as I've seen some speculate, that House Republicans might now be forced to make concessions to Democrats to stabilize the speakership. "Democrats really burned Republicans," Huder said. "There was a question of how much goodwill there was between the parties before this, but there is no question now. There's none." Why would angry Republicans voluntarily hand Democrats more power?

More plausibly, some progressives seem to believe that McCarthy's fall will curb Republican excesses by punishing leaders who coddle extremists. Unfortunately, this theory has two problems. First, the burn-it-all-down rebels aren't responding to McCarthy's cues; they're mostly courting former president Donald Trump, or hard-line base voters, who don't particularly like McCarthy. Moreover, Democrats just helped the extremists overthrow a more moderate leader; how does this punish extremism?

The last and most compelling theory in favor of Democrats' strategy is that, even if it doesn't punish radicals, empowering them in the short term helps Democrats take back the House next year. "Senior Democrats believe that the chaos enveloping House Republicans has the potential to further discredit the GOP as a party of incompetence and ideological extremism," Politico reported on Wednesday.

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No doubt, the GOP looks foolish. But does this translate into more votes for Democrats? The kind of news junkies who hang on every detail of the fiasco are already loyal partisans, and Democratic politicians get no bonus votes for convincing reliable base voters that Republicans are even worse than they thought. Unfortunately, the relatively apolitical swing voters probably aren't paying that much attention to legislative infighting.

Of course, people will pay attention if the House ends up shutting down the government next month, after McCarthy's stopgap funding expires. And if the next speaker is too weak or ideologically blinkered to make a deal, voters will probably assign Republicans a greater share of the blame.

But the history of shutdowns under Presidents Barack Obama and Trump suggests this won't influence many votes unless Republicans take things so far that voters start seeing major personal impacts — if Social Security checks aren't mailed out, for instance. Republicans probably aren't that crazy.

Even if it doesn't get that far, however, the chaos might have another effect that could hurt Democrats badly: It could push up interest rates on treasury debt. These are already at 16-year highs, making it more expensive for the government to borrow money. Business and consumer debt is also affected by higher rates.

If chaos in Congress makes markets start to worry more about default, the rates will rise further. And consumers who feel the pinch will not blame Congress or sit still for anyone's complicated explanation of how it's all the fault of radical Republicans. As always, they will blame the occupant of the Oval Office for their economic woes. And if President Biden goes down, he will take congressional Democrats with him.

This will not be fair. But then, it's a bit late for any of the participants in this debacle to start demanding fairness from our politics.

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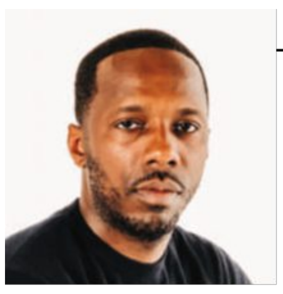

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THE DISTRICT
Two men received prison terms in the fatal shooting of 10-year-old Makiyah Wilson in 2018. **B3**

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Matteo Messina Denaro, 61, a Sicilian Mafia boss, was Italy's No. 1 fugitive when caught this year. **B4**

At least 270 mistakenly thrown off Va. voter rolls

CRITICS CALL FOR INVESTIGATION

Probation violations wrongly labeled felonies

BY LAURA VOZZELLA

RICHMOND — The Youngkin administration said Friday that it erroneously kicked at least 270 Virginians off the voter rolls — a problem that sparked calls for a federal investigation and surfaced with early voting already underway in pivotal General Assembly races.

Elections Commissioner Susan Beals said officials were directing relevant registrars around the state to reinstate the voters and send them new voting cards.

"We're doing additional analysis to ensure every single voter who was affected is reinstated," she said. Macaulay Porter, spokeswoman for Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R), added that the number could go up during that review, but it was not expected to change much.

The problem affected voters who were convicted of felonies, had their voting rights restored and then went on to violate the terms of their probation. A quirk in the state's computer system counted the probation violations as new felonies that disqualified them from voting.

While the number of mistakenly disenfranchised voters was far smaller than initially feared, that did little to quiet critics, including Rep. Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (D-Va.), who on Friday afternoon reiterated a call for a federal investigation, which he'd urged a day earlier in an interview with Axios.

"There must be an immediate investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice into how this happened in the run-up to a very consequential election next month," he said in a written statement to The Washington Post. He linked the problem to "concerted, widespread efforts by many members of the Republican Party to engage in voter suppression tactics all across the country."

Porter did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Scott's call for a probe and claims about voter suppression.

Elections officials acknowledged the error more than a week after the public radio station VPM flagged a problem with the process with a report on an Arlington County man removed from the rolls after a probation violation.

The administration announced in December that it scrubbed 10,588 voters from the rolls as it sought to root out anyone not entitled to cast a ballot. Elections officials acknowledged Tuesday that some of them should not have been removed, but they were unable to determine how

SEE **VOTERS** ON **B6**

2 shooters are sought in campus gunfire

Police search for persons of interest who injured five at Morgan State

BY JUSTIN JOUVENAL

Police have determined that two shooters were responsible for the shooting at Morgan State University this week that injured five and prompted officials to call off or postpone homecoming activities.

Baltimore Police Commissioner Richard Worley said at a news conference Friday that the search for the shooters continues and announced a $9,000 reward for information that could lead to an arrest in the gunfire that rattled students, forced the cancellation of classes all week, and drew national attention to the campus of the historically Black university.

Four of the victims injured in the incident have been released from the hospital, while the fifth is in stable condition and continuing to receive care, Worley said. The wounded are four students between the ages of 18 and 22 and a fifth person who was visiting the campus from Baltimore County.

Morgan State Police Chief Lance Hatcher said he did not believe the shooting was related to homecoming activities. The victims had spoken with investigators but were not able to identify the shooters, Worley said.

Worley said police have received more than a dozen tips from the public but pleaded for more help after authorities released images of persons of interest.

"Detectives continue to review … a huge amount of video footage and speak to potential witnesses," Worley said. "The BPD and Morgan State University police are also working to increase patrols on the campus and around the campus."

This is the third consecutive year gun violence has marred Morgan State's homecoming week, which is a major event and is supposed to be one of the most festive times of the year for the campus.

Morgan State President David K. Wilson said Friday that classes will resume Monday.

"We have reached out to our faculty and asked them to provide flexibility in responding to the needs of our students next week," Wilson said.

SEE **MORGAN STATE** ON **B3**

BILL O'LEARY/THE WASHINGTON POST

The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg Center on Pennsylvania Avenue opened this fall for graduate-level classes. The university announced Friday that it would start a School of Government and Policy there in two to three years.

'Proximate to power'

Johns Hopkins plans to launch a school of government at the old Newseum

BY NICK ANDERSON

Gone is the monumental tablet, engraved with the text of the First Amendment, that had announced the Newseum. Etched now into a marble facade, with lettering 11 inches tall, is the name of the new owner: Johns Hopkins University.

Students, not tourists, are flowing in and out of 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW for the first time this fall. The edifice underwent a $275 million renovation after the journalism museum shuttered in 2019. Counting the purchase price for the property, the project totaled nearly $650 million for a building with a soaring interior atrium and 435,000 square feet of space. The reopening enables the Baltimore-based research university to expand its presence in Washington through a prime location near the Capitol.

On Friday, Hopkins announced plans to launch a School of Government and Policy there within the next two to three years, alongside its School of Advanced International Studies.

The university's business school and other academic units are also holding classes in what is now called the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg Center — so named to acknowledge support from Hopkins graduate and benefactor Mike Bloomberg. It is the latest turn in the long tradition of out-of-town universities building their brands in the nation's capital.

SEE **JOHNS HOPKINS** ON **B3**

7 years for rioter who smashed window

Man who attacked police on Jan. 6 became part of singing group at jail

BY RACHEL WEINER

A man who joined a nightly performance of the national anthem inside the D.C. jail that has been promoted by former president Donald Trump and his allies was sentenced to seven years in prison for assaulting police and obstructing Congress on Jan. 6.

Shane Jenkins, 46, acknowledged in D.C. federal court that he had an "extensive" criminal history and apologized "for all the pain and suffering I've caused." But, he added: "I love this country. I'm not some crazed maniac."

Using a tomahawk he brought with him from Texas, Jenkins was the first to smash a window on the West Terrace of the U.S. Capitol, and was caught on video shouting: "We paid for it, it's our f---ing building." That breach gave rioters access to senators' offices, which were trashed and ransacked.

Those who went inside carried out broken furniture that Jenkins and others used to attack police guarding a tunnel. After a brief break to recover from being repeatedly hit with pepper spray, Jenkins returned to the tunnel and threw a wooden desk drawer, a flagpole, a metal walking stick, a broken wooden pole and other objects at the police line. Jenkins was convicted at trial on eight felony charges.

"This was not an Ikea desk," U.S. District Judge Amit P. Mehta said in court in D.C. "This was solid wooden furniture" that could have caused serious

SEE **JAN. 6** ON **B4**

Families scramble to relocate seniors after owner sells assisted-living home

Facility in Silver Spring gives minimum legal notice of 45 days to move

BY KATIE SHEPHERD

Joyce Gantt, 82, had been living at the Landing of Silver Spring for 13 days when management called a meeting to tell residents the assisted-living and memory-care facility would close in 45 days.

Her family had worked hard to ensure the Landing would be a good fit for Gantt, paid a $3,000 community fee and rent through October, and spent thousands of dollars on moving fees to get her settled in what they thought would be her home for the rest of her life, until the news Monday, said her son, Derrick Gantt-Bey.

"Why would they have us go through that entire process if they knew they were in the process of closing?" Gantt-Bey said in an interview, days after the owners told his mother and the 52 other residents at the facility they had to be out by Nov. 15.

As families scrambled, Montgomery County officials took issue with the state law setting a minimum notice of 45 days, saying demographic shifts are expected to strain a system that already struggles to keep pace with demand, across the nation and in the county, where the number of people over 65 is projected to grow to nearly 250,000 by 2040, more than double the size of that age group in 2010.

"This company has no need to give them a 45-day notice to evict. This is all about their bottom dollar," said Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich (D), who along with council member Kristin Mink (D-District 5) voiced support for changing Maryland law to provide seniors and their families more notice when a long-term care facility closes.

Leisure Care, the management company that operates the Landing, informed residents in a letter first reported by WUSA9. That letter directed families to a password-protected website for resources to help with relocation, but the password does not work.

Omega Healthcare Investors and CommuniCare Health Services bought the property from Columbia Wegman Acquisition and plans to spend the next year turning the property into a skilled nursing facility that will take care of patients with complicated medical needs, according to the letter.

Michael Juno, vice president of operations for Leisure Care, said in an email that the building owner decided to sell "after several years of not sustaining financial stability." He said the

SEE **HOME** ON **B4**

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Johnnie Bennett Evans, 93, sits outside the Landing of Silver Spring. Management told her and the other 52 residents that they must be out by Nov. 15. Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich (D) said he supports changing state law to require facilities to give residents more time to move.

RELIGION

Faith groups don't see climate change as crisis, poll finds

BY YONAT SHIMRON

On the same day Pope Francis issued a new call for climate change action, a group of mostly mainline Protestant and Jewish leaders launched a seven-year campaign to advocate for meaningful climate solutions.

"One Home One Future" is the latest multifaith effort intended to engage congregations in caring for the Earth.

But a new survey released by the Public Religion Research Institute suggests that work won't be easy.

Beliefs on the severity of climate change have not shifted much among religious traditions over the past decade and few religious Americans view climate change as a crisis, according to the PRRI study published Wednesday.

Overall, 27 percent of Americans say climate change is a crisis, just a few percentage points up from 23 percent in 2014.

Among the nation's religious groups, beliefs on the severity of climate change have not shifted significantly. In fact, among White evangelicals, the view that the Earth is in crisis dropped — from 13 percent in 2014 to 8 percent today.

No religious group topped one-third of respondents agreeing that climate change is a crisis. American Jews were the most likely to say so at 32 percent, followed by 31 percent of Hispanic Catholics, 22 percent of White mainline Protestants, 20 percent of White Catholics, 19 percent of Black Protestants and 16 percent of Hispanic Protestants.

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A woman uses an umbrella to protect herself from the Paris sun Sept. 6. The previous month was the Earth's hottest in the 174-year record of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The survey of 5,192 adults in all 50 states, conducted online June 8-28, shows that despite growing climate calamities, American opinions have not moved dramatically.

"The fact that it remained unchanged was pretty remarkable to me," said Melissa Deckman, CEO of PRRI. "It's just really concerning,"

So far in 2023, the United States has had 23 weather and climate disasters that cost more than $1 billion each in damage. Those include Hurricane Idalia in Florida and the wildfires in Hawaii, which are believed to have killed 97 people. August was the planet's hottest in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's 174-year record.

While religious Americans mostly agree that climate change is caused by human activity, such as burning fossil fuels, here too there are exceptions.

Nearly half of White evangelicals (49 percent) still believe climate change is caused by natural patterns in the environment.

To a great extent, these unyielding views may be shaped by politics. Evangelicals and Latter-day Saints, who overall don't see climate change as a crisis, are stalwart members of the Republican Party, which has resisted acknowledging climate change. (Former president Donald Trump, the Republican Party's presumptive nominee in 2024, has called the extremely settled science of climate change a "hoax.")

"I'm not at all surprised to find that White evangelicals and Latter-day Saints tend to be the least likely to think that climate change is caused by humans or see any sort of policy to address it because we know that the Republican Party's official position has often denied climate change and it's certainly not advocating for policies that mitigate climate change effects," Deckman said.

The survey found that fewer than 3 in 10 Republicans (28 percent) believe climate change is caused by human activity. Fully half of Republicans believe climate change is caused by natural changes in the environment, and an additional 20 percent think there's no solid evidence for climate change. By comparison, 83 percent of Democrats and 64 percent of independents believe climate change is caused by human activity.

In stark contrast to religious Americans, the religiously unaffiliated increasingly view the Earth as being in crisis. Among this group, often referred to as "nones," that view grew 10 percentage points, from 33 percent in 2014 to 43 percent in 2023.

At the same time, the theological notion that God has called Christians to exercise dominion over all areas of society appears to be waning.

Fewer than half of White evangelicals subscribe to this belief, and far lower numbers of other religious groups do. Religious groups are now more likely to believe that individuals are required by God to take care of or be good stewards of the Earth, the survey found.

On Wednesday, Francis issued a stark reminder about the effects of climate change. He warned that "the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point."

In an update to "Laudato Si'," the pope's pioneering 2015 encyclical that rang a clear alarm bell about the climate, Francis asserted that "despite all attempts to deny, conceal, gloss over or relativize the issue, the signs of climate change are here and increasingly evident."

And he took direct aim at the United States, for the "irresponsible lifestyle" causing irreparable harm to the planet.

— Religion News Service

Abuse survivors demand equal time at synod on Catholic Church's future

BY CLAIRE GIANGRAVE

VATICAN CITY — As Catholic bishops and lay believers meet in Rome this month for a historic Vatican summit to discuss power structures in the church, sexual abuse survivors and their advocates say their topic will be on everyone's minds but nobody's agenda.

The Synod on Synodality, which started Wednesday and ends Oct. 29, was called to tackle questions of clergy leadership and accountability, but above all clericalism, which occurs when the ordained claim special privileges or are treated as if they are above reproach. These questions are central to the issue of sexual abuse, itself strongly tied to how power is used and where it is distributed in the church.

Sexual abuse appears 20 times in the 60-page "Instrumentum Laboris," the working document that will guide discussions at the synod, a frequency survivors point to in voicing concerns that while sexual abuse may be mentioned at the synod, they should expect no significant movement on the issue.

"The concerns of clergy abuse victims, who have long borne the consequences of unconscionable decisions made at the highest levels, still have no place in the decision-making process," read a statement Sept. 29 by the Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests, known as SNAP. "Until this changes, the clergy sex abuse scandal will continue, and more young lives will be forever blighted."

Survivor organizations are arriving in Rome this week still smarting from Pope Francis's decision in July to appoint Cardinal Víctor Manuel Fernández to head the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, despite Fernández's past support for an alleged abuser priest in his home diocese of La Plata, Argentina.

The newly minted cardinal later admitted in an interview that he doesn't "feel qualified or trained" to address sexual abuse cases, which are among the main responsibilities of the Vatican's doctrinal department.

"By appointing Archbishop Fernández to the DDF and naming him a Cardinal, Pope Francis clearly demonstrates that it is business as usual in the Catholic Church," SNAP's statement said.

Francis began his pontificate with what was described as a

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A Mass presided over by Pope Francis for the start of the Synod on Synodality in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Wednesday.

"zero tolerance" policy toward sexual abuse, but the results have been mixed. In 2019, Francis decreed that documentation about sexual abuse should no longer be designated as a "pontifical secret" — the Vatican's version of classified material. But many victims claim that they are still not fully informed of the result of criminal trials against their abusers.

In February of that year, Francis also convened a summit of prelates, experts and abuse survivors at the Vatican to address the subject of abuse, but the highly anticipated meeting did not enact any decisive regulation.

Francis followed with a document, "Vos Estis Lux Mundi" ("You Are the Light of the World"), which attempted to enshrine accountability in the church for covering up or failing to address abuse cases and a mandatory reporting system in every diocese, but its application remains inconsistent and unreliable.

Survivor advocates say their biggest concern is that the pope is willing to waive his own laws on abuse when those accused are his friends or allies. As Chile was grappling with a crisis tied to the abuser priest Fernando Karadima in 2018, Francis rose to the defense of one of the priest's protégés, Bishop Juan Barros, dismissing as "calumny" the reports accusing him of covering up the abuse. While Francis eventually retracted his statement, the episode left a scar in the Chilean Catholic community and beyond.

More recently, Bishop Gustavo Zanchetta was accused of sexually abusing seminarians and was eventually found guilty by a court in his native Argentina in 2022 and sentenced to 4½ years in prison. Francis ordered a church trial, but the results were never disclosed, and gave Zanchetta a job at the Vatican in 2020.

In December, the case of the Rev. Marko Rupnik, a Jesuit artist accused of abusing adult religious sisters, underlined once again Francis's incoherent record on abuse. Rupnik was expelled from the Jesuit order, but the Vatican's process lacked transparency.

Even the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, which Francis created to advise him on questions of abuse, pointed to "tragically harmful deficiencies in the norms intended to punish abusers and hold accountable those whose duty is to address wrongdoing," in a statement Wednesday.

"Every day seems to bring forth new evidence of abuse, as well as cover up and mishandling by Church leadership around the world," the commission's statement read.

The Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors asked the synod's participants to set time aside to finally address the question of sex abuse in hopes of one day creating a church with "appropriate safety policies and procedures, ones that are known and verified."

But its statement admitted: "That day is yet to arrive. And for many it seems a long way away."

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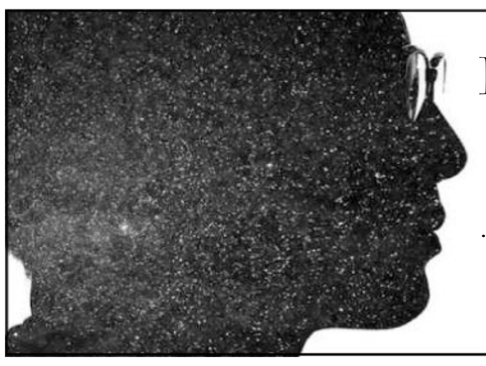
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Donald Trump, who has called himself the "most pro-life president ever," has riled abortion opponents by blaming the "abortion issue" for the GOP's lackluster showing in the midterm elections.

Trump angers antiabortion groups with harsh criticism of six-week ban

BY JACK JENKINS

President Donald Trump, who has touted himself as the "most pro-life president ever" and whose Supreme Court appointments clinched the majority that would overturn *Roe v. Wade*, has pivoted away from more strident antiabortion rhetoric and railed against a six-week abortion ban, signed by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, as a "terrible thing and a terrible mistake."

Earlier this year, Trump blamed the "abortion issue" for the GOP's lackluster results in the 2022 midterm elections. And during a Sept. 18 appearance on "Meet the Press," he pledged to work with Democrats to pass national abortion legislation if elected.

His stance is raising frustration among antiabortion activists and spurring his Republican primary opponents to try to peel away conservative religious voters from the former president.

"While there are a number of areas that both sides on the abortion issue can come to an agreement on, like paid maternity leave and child care aid, there is no compromise on whether abortion should be legal or not," Abby Johnson, who runs the antiabortion group And Then There Were None, which she describes as a ministry, said in a statement.

"No specific number of weeks is acceptable past conception for those of us who believe in the sanctity of life. Any candidate who is truly pro-life should be able to vow to sign any pro-life legislation that comes across their desk. President Trump's disappointing comments only serve as an avenue for pro-lifers to find another candidate to support," Johnson added.

Johnson, a onetime Planned Parenthood staffer turned antiabortion activist, has been a staunch champion for Trump. She made a speech at the 2020 Republican National Convention in which she referred to Trump as the "most pro-life president we have ever had," and she participated in a faith-themed Jericho March — which lent support to Trump's erroneous claims that the 2020 election was stolen — in the weeks leading up to the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

Jeanne Mancini, president of the antiabortion March for Life, an annual antiabortion protest in D.C. that featured Trump as a headlining speaker in 2020, sent a statement to Religion News Service that praised state laws passed following the fall of *Roe v. Wade* banning abortion after cardiac activity can be detected — often around six weeks into a pregnancy.

"Every pro-life governor who courageously signed heartbeat protections was reelected in 2022," Mancini said. "There is no reason why any politician, particularly one who claims to be pro-life, cannot support lifesaving measures, with at least a minimum 15-week federal standard which protects children past the point at which they can feel pain. It is the right, compassionate and even popular thing to do."

Many national GOP politicians have shied away from making abortion an issue as voters in Republican-leaning states of Kansas and Ohio have rejected referendums or related initiatives led by antiabortion advocates. Trump, who leads the Republican primary race by double-digit percentage points, may be gauging how to avoid being vulnerable on abortion in the general election. But the shift could have more immediate consequences for Trump, who has long benefited from robust support among White evangelicals — a group that disproportionately opposes abortion in all or most cases compared to other religious groups, according to Pew Research surveys conducted last year.

DeSantis, often seen as most likely to appeal to evangelicals should Trump falter, made sure to bring up Trump's recent statements in the second Republican presidential debate on Tuesday, which the former president skipped.

"I reject this idea that pro-lifers are to blame for midterm defeats," DeSantis said. "The former president — he's missing in action tonight ... He should be here explaining his comments to try to say that pro-life protections are a 'terrible thing.'"

Prominent evangelical leaders close to Trump have not expressed disappointment with his criticism of the Florida abortion legislation, however. On Thursday, the Rev. Robert Jeffress, a longtime Trump faith adviser, said he had spoken to the former president about the topic, and framed his comments on "Meet the Press" as a matter of tactics more than conscience. Trump, Jeffress insisted, remains "very pro-life" but is "pointing out a political reality" — namely, the unpopularity of abortion bans among many voters and the challenge of passing a federal ban, as several Republican lawmakers and GOP presidential candidates have proposed.

"If there's going to be a national ban on abortion," Jeffress said, "there's going to be some sort of compromise or consensus for legislation to be enacted."

Asked how that applies to Trump's criticism of Florida's abortion ban as a "terrible thing," Jeffress argued the remarks should be viewed through the "prism of how we're going to get a consensus."

If Trump's opponents hope to use his shifting position on abortion against him with conservative religious voters, they have their work cut out for them. A Deseret News poll conducted a week before Trump's comments about Florida found that 53 percent of Republicans view Trump as a "person of faith." That's slightly more than his former vice president, Mike Pence (52 percent) and DeSantis (47 percent), and significantly more than Sen. Tim Scott (31 percent), former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley (31 percent) and entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy (30 percent).

— Religion News Service

With new center, Hopkins expands its presence in D.C.

JOHNS HOPKINS FROM **B1**

"What this represents is the physical manifestation of the university's commitment to national and international engagement," Ronald J. Daniels, the Hopkins president, said this week during a tour of the space. "The idea was to create a place for the university in Washington proximate to power."

Many have the same idea. The University of Southern California announced in March the purchase of a building near Dupont Circle for a new D.C. campus. Among numerous others operating in and near downtown Washington are New York University, Texas A&M University, Arizona State University and the University of California.

These outposts provide a venue for visiting scholars, graduate students and undergraduates aiming to research the government and related topics or work in internships on Capitol Hill and elsewhere. They bring thousands of young people into the city every year, joining those enrolled at Howard, George Washington, Georgetown, Catholic, American and Trinity Washington universities and the University of the District of Columbia.

For decades, Hopkins based its international studies graduate program on Massachusetts Avenue NW. Now that has all moved to Pennsylvania Avenue, including a segment of the Berlin Wall displayed in an atrium. The symbol of the Cold War division of Germany echoes an exhibit in the Newseum, now gone, that centered on other pieces of the famous wall.

BILL O'LEARY/THE WASHINGTON POST

"What this represents is the physical manifestation of the university's commitment to national and international engagement," said Ronald J. Daniels, president of Johns Hopkins University.

On Tuesday, three graduate students in international studies were practicing Russian in that atrium.

"You look out the window and you feel like you're just in the middle of D.C.," said one of them, Kateryna Halstead, 31, a native of Ukraine. "It's quite inspiring."

Adi Baurzhanuly, 22, a native of Kazakhstan, also in the trio, said he admired the view of the Capitol Dome from a seventh-floor terrace. The building, he said, provides "a really nice feeling — kind of a fusion between the students, the faculty and the place."

For Hopkins, the debut of its new D.C. address culminates years of planning and renovation. The university announced in January 2019 that it was purchasing the building for $372.5 million, a deal that included 135 apartments on the property, which were not included in the academic renovation. Hopkins plans to sell its Massachusetts Avenue property to help cover the cost. It also used university funds, solicited donations and obtained a gift from Bloomberg, who has given his alma mater more than $3 billion over the years.

Renovation expenses brought the total project cost to more than $647 million. Teaming on the design, Hopkins said, were Ennead Architects, Rockwell Group and SmithGroup.

The result yielded dozens of classrooms, meeting rooms, faculty offices, a library, outdoor terraces and other spaces. Ceramic mosaics and other art adorn interior walls. There is a 375-seat theater with high-end acoustics for music and dance performances from the university's Peabody Institute. A space the Newseum had dedicated as a set for television news became a lecture room with tall windows looking onto the Capitol.

As of now, about 1,300 graduate students are enrolled in daytime classes at the center and an additional 1,200 in evening classes. Faculty and staff total 650. In the spring term, some Hopkins undergraduates will join them. With the Canadian Embassy next door and the National Gallery of Art close by, this academic populace will bring energy and bustle to a stretch of Pennsylvania Avenue that is a short walk from theaters and restaurants of Penn Quarter.

More students are nearby in a significant cluster of Georgetown buildings, including the Jesuit university's law school at 600 New Jersey Ave. NW.

For D.C. officials, drawing foot traffic to the city's core neighborhoods in the aftermath of the coronavirus public health emergency — which clobbered the downtown Washington economy in 2020 — is a major priority. In a statement, Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) said the Hopkins center "brings a new hub for global leaders to convene, and new employment and educational opportunities to our downtown."

Hopkins said the School of Government and Policy will offer master's and doctoral programs and will open in phases starting in 2025. It will be entering a busy sphere of academia. Many universities have similar schools in Washington and beyond.

The Hopkins version, Daniels said, will be a domestic-focused complement to the School of Advanced International Studies. Among the topics it will pursue are climate, sustainability, technology policy, economics and finance. Daniels said it will seek to develop expertise in analyzing large sets of data.

Founded in 1876, Hopkins has about 6,000 undergraduates in Baltimore and 25,000 students in various graduate and professional programs. Daniels said the D.C. center will not diminish the university's commitment to Baltimore.

"It's not zero sum," Daniels said. "Lots of people within Baltimore are seeing themselves in this building and are excited about that. ... In fact, maybe it enhances Baltimore a bit to have this closer connectivity to Washington."

Md. authorities search for two persons of interest in Morgan State shooting

MORGAN STATE FROM **B1**

Wilson said he had spoken with all four injured students and said they were recovering physically but had experienced "tremendous trauma." He said the university is going to provide one-on-one counseling for each of them. He said the school will be mindful of the events that transpired this week as academics ramp back up.

He said he had received a call from Vice President Harris about the shooting, as well as other state and federal officials.

The gunfire erupted around 9:25 p.m. Tuesday near the Thurgood Marshall Hall dorm, shortly after the Mister & Miss Morgan State University coronation wrapped up on the first night of homecoming events.

ANNA MONEYMAKER/GETTY IMAGES

A bullet-shattered window at a dorm at Morgan State University on Wednesday. A shooting on campus wounded five and prompted officials to call off or postpone homecoming activities this week.

"Detectives continue to review ... a huge amount of video footage and speak to potential witnesses."

Baltimore Police Commissioner Richard Worley, speaking at a news conference Friday

The shooting sent students fleeing across campus and prompted an hours-long lockdown.

Worley said previously that the shooting was probably the result of a dispute between two groups and that the victims were not the intended targets. Worley said one person at the scene, who was the intended target of the shooting, was not injured.

Worley said Friday that all five injured were part of a group that had gathered "to enjoy the night."

Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott (D) called for federal action to curb gun violence during Friday's news conference.

"We need Congress to step up and ensure the sanctity of American lives outweighs the sanctity of American guns," Scott said.

Morgan State is the largest HBCU in Maryland, with more than 9,000 students.

THE DISTRICT

Two D.C. men sentenced in 2018 death of 10-year-old hit by stray bullet

BY KEITH L. ALEXANDER

Two of six men convicted in the 2018 fatal shooting of 10-year-old Makiyah Wilson, who was hit by a stray bullet on a Northeast D.C. street, were sentenced to prison Friday, one for 60 years and the other for six.

Makiyah was shot in the back in a barrage of gunfire early on a summer evening as she stood with her older sister near an ice cream truck in the Clay Terrace neighborhood. A total of 11 people were charged in connection with the killing. Isaiah Murchison, 24, and Marquell Cobbs, 21, who were sentenced Friday, were among six defendants who went on trial last summer.

D.C. Superior Court Judge Robert Okun sentenced Murchison, of Southeast D.C., to 60 years behind bars. Prosecutors argued that Murchison was one of the shooters. He was convicted of first-degree murder while armed and numerous other charges.

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Makiyah Wilson, 10, was fatally shot when gunmen fired into the courtyard of a Northeast D.C. apartment complex in 2018.

Cobbs, of Clinton, Md., who was 16 at the time of the shooting, was sentenced to six years. He was acquitted of murder and assault charges but convicted of conspiracy. Prosecutors argued that Cobbs supplied the guns that were used and facilitated the use of a stolen black Infiniti that the shooters were riding in.

Authorities said members of a neighborhood crew from the Wellington Park area of Southeast stole the car and assembled an arsenal of weapons as part of a plot to target people associated with the Clay Terrace neighborhood. On July 16, 2018, masked men jumped out of the stolen Infiniti and, within 20 seconds, fired 50 bullets indiscriminately into the courtyard of an apartment complex in the 300 block of 53rd Street NE.

Makiyah was killed, and four other people were wounded. Okun said it was a "miracle" that no one else died in an attack that turned a pleasant summer day in the neighborhood into a "horrible" tragedy.

Cobbs's attorney, Kevin McCants, asked the judge to sentence Cobbs under the D.C. Youth Rehabilitation Act, which would have allowed his conviction to be sealed if he successfully completed probation after his prison sentence.

But Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Bach argued that Cobbs should not be eligible for sentencing under the act because he had a record of four juvenile offenses before the shooting. Okun denied McCants's request.

Attorneys for both men said they would appeal.

Makiyah's murder became a symbol in the nation's capital of the human toll of gun violence.

At Friday's sentencing, the girl's mother, Donnetta Wilson, who has since moved out of the Washington area, spoke via video about her daughter, calling her an "angel on Earth."

"This has been hard. This has been a big, tragic change for my family," Wilson said. "These prison sentences don't change the pain. My family and I will never be okay."

Makiyah's grandmother, Pandora Wilson, standing just feet from the two men, said the city has changed because of the shooting.

"Ya'll have made D.C. the worst place to live," she said.

In a letter to the judge, Michael Wilson, Mikayah's father, said he still struggles with losing his daughter. "She was my joy. You took my joy, the light of my life. I don't feel joy anymore," he wrote. Wilson, as he did during most of the trial, sat in the courtroom as his letter was read aloud. He was too emotional to speak.

The four other defendants convicted in the case last summer — Quentin Michals, 25, Qujuan Thomas, 24, Darrise Jeffers, 23, and Gregory Taylor, 27 — are scheduled to be sentenced later this month. A trial for remaining defendants is scheduled for next year.

THE DISTRICT

With touch of gray, autumn hasn't reached its peak

BY MARTIN WEIL

Much is expected in Washington from October, including the blaze of bright foliage and a crispness borne on the autumn breeze. But in the capital, Friday seemed to dawdle a bit in demonstrating the season's sparkling essence.

A temperate day — warm but not excessively so, yet not too chilly either — Friday seemed a gray day of clouds and calm air, possessing qualities of moderation that need never seem disappointing.

But autumn in the nation's capital can be a remarkable time, an exhibit of vivid visual drama often regarded as one of the region's principal natural assets.

It is often idealized as a season of brilliant color displayed under bright blue skies, a time of invigoration in the air and delights for the eye at every corner. Friday, for all its merits, seemed to fall short of such an idealized image.

But October is not a collection of uniform days, indistinguishable one from the other. On Friday, we remained in the month's first week, a time when green leaves still bedecked our trees. The gleaming chromatic vibrancy of the leaves may have faded, but the green hung on.

In addition, a touch of humidity, a bit of mugginess, a kind of damp, perspiration-producing relic of summertime, seemed to suffuse the air.

The city went about its end-of-the-week business under skies characterized by an overall gray dullness. At times, and in spots often near the horizon, the bulging white rotundity of cumulus clouds showed up but seemed a kind of atmospheric afterthought.

Elsewhere and at other times, banks of gray clouds seemed dark enough to make passersby wonder when the rain would start.

The afternoon high temperature reached almost to 80. It topped out at 79, six degrees above average for the date. In the morning, the low fell to 58. That, too, exceeded the average of 56 for the sixth day of October.

The high did not suggest summer, nor did the low seem to speak of the onset of winter. The temperatures, instead, were in between readings, which could be expected in a season of transition between broiling summer and freezing winter.

As so often in Washington, the day could not be adequately described by temperatures alone. Humidity, a noticeable sense of moisture in the air, could not be ignored.

Sticky days and muggy days can be classed and quantified as those with dew points of 65 or above.

Many Friday hours demonstrated dew points as high as 68, seemingly separating the day from the image of October as a time of dryness in the air and the crackle of fallen leaves in the ear.

Friday seemed the sort of day that, like any other day, could be confronted on its own merits for what it was. But it may also have created impatience for the October this month has yet to become.

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First person on Jan. 6 to smash a window on Capitol's West Terrace gets 7 years

JAN. 6 FROM **B1**

damage had it hit a police officer in the head. But he said Jenkins deserved a lower sentence than rioters who injured officers in direct attacks.

Defense attorney Dennis Boyle said in court that Jenkins was misled by "perhaps the greatest con man of all time."

Jenkins, a father of five, spoke at length in court about his difficult past, starting with his adoption by an abusive father. "I felt like a throwaway, a piece of trash," Jenkins said. He first went to juvenile detention as a young teen; his mother married another abusive man while he was incarcerated.

When Jenkins was 20, his stepfather menaced his mother with a gun, and Jenkins killed the man in a shootout. A grand jury did not indict him, but he began abusing and selling drugs and was in and out of prison for the next two decades, with multiple assault convictions. While in prison in 2016, he said, he found Christianity with the help of former president Richard M. Nixon's "hatchet man" Chuck Colson. Jenkins said he has since gotten clean and dedicated himself to outreach for at-risk youths.

"I was not a good ambassador for Christ or a good leader that day," Jenkins told the court.

Mehta said it was hard to square Jenkins's professed Christian values or his claims of regret with the fact that he raised at least

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Shane Jenkins, left, looks up at a group of men on Jan. 6, 2021. The breach of a window at the West Terrace of the Capitol, initiated by Jenkins, who was yielding a tomahawk he brought with him from Texas, gave rioters access to senators' offices on that side of the building.

$118,888 on a conservative crowdfunding website where he calls himself a "political prisoner" and created his own line of riot-themed backpacks and clothing.

"It continues to fuel the lie that somehow an election was stolen, that people who are being charged because of their actions, not their beliefs, are victims," Mehta said. "It's hard to know what is in a man's heart; what I know is what you've said, what you've done." Three days after Christmas in 2020, he noted, Jenkins was talking about preparing for violence in Washington.

Jenkins is featured in a video of Jan. 6 defendants in the D.C. jail singing the anthem that was circulated by Trump allies. Trump recorded a version of that performance where he sings along and played it at his first 2024 campaign rally. Boyle said Jenkins was not part of that performance. But Jenkins expressed ongoing enthusiasm for Trump in a recent interview from the jail, saying that if the former president was incarcerated he should be brought to the "Patriot Pod."

"We would have a good time, and it would be awesome to get to meet Donald Trump," he said.

Boyle compared Jenkins to a fraud victim who still believes in the scam.

"There are politicians out there who fan the flames," Boyle said. "It's a reinforcing mechanism."

Boyle said another event like Jan. 6 was unlikely to occur, but Assistant U.S. Attorney David Perri suggested that was naive.

"What if his preferred candidate is convicted of something?" Perri asked. Prosecutors had asked for a sentence of over 19 years.

According to the Justice Department, Jenkins also joined in a mob attack in the D.C. jail in July against Taylor Taranto, a fellow Jan. 6 defendant who was arrested the month prior with weapons near former president Barack Obama's house. According to the court record, Taranto had insulted Ashli Babbitt, who was killed by a Capitol Police officer during the riot while trying to reach the House floor, and her mother.

Boyle said Jenkins tried to prevent that situation and did not take part in the assault in the jail. Prosecutors and a probation officer said in court that they were not able to get more details from the D.C. Department of Corrections; the agency did not respond to a request for comment.

Sale of assisted-living home in Maryland sends families scrambling to find care

HOME FROM **B1**

company informed residents about the closure "as soon as legally allowed," which coincided with the required 45 days, but did not explain what law prevented more advance notice to the seniors.

"We understand that this leaves a short time frame for residents and families to make important decisions," Juno said. A spokesman for the new building owners reiterated in a statement that residents were notified of the closure in compliance with state law.

"The law is not sufficient," said D. Michael Bennett, whose mother has lived at the Landing since May. "This is the most vulnerable population in our society."

Elrich said that the county will work with the state to provide some resources to support relocation, but that it does not directly provide housing or services needed by the 53 individuals coming from the Landing. Mink, who represents the district where the Landing is located, said county data shows it has 3,236 beds in large assisted-living facilities that offer memory care, but availability is not tracked.

Mink said she spoke to the general manager of the Landing, who works directly with residents, and confirmed that efforts were underway to connect residents with new spaces at similar facilities in and around Montgomery County. "The primary task here is ensuring continuity of care for the residents," she said.

The county provides some services for seniors through the long-term care ombudsman program. Staff and volunteers address concerns and complaints from residents of long-term care facilities and their families. While the agency cannot help place residents in new facilities, county spokeswoman Mary Anderson said the program can respond to concerns about their treatment that may crop up in the weeks before the Landing closes.

By Thursday, Juno said that about one-quarter of residents had found new living arrangements and that the company was working with the Montgomery County ombudsman and connecting with each resident and family "on a daily basis."

But some residents said efforts from Leisure Care to help them find new places to live is lacking. "This is a disaster," Bennett said as he sat with his 93-year-old mother, Johnnie Bennett Evans, outside the Landing on Thursday. "There was no plan. They called us into a meeting and had no answers to any questions."

Bennett said he left multiple messages with the ombudsman but has not yet heard back. He also said Leisure Care had not provided resources to help him find a new home for his mother, except for a list of moving companies for hire. He worries about the quality of care declining as staff facing unemployment in November leave for new jobs, so he wants to move his mother as swiftly as possible.

At least three representatives from other assisted-living communities came by to pass out fliers advertising their facilities as Bennett sat outside with his mother, Bennett Evans, who said she was still reeling from the announcement. Residents had formed walking groups, took long rides around town, played games like bingo and regularly attended events put on by the staff, she said, crediting them for doing whatever they could to make residents happy.

"I feel real bad because I like the place a lot," she said.

OBITUARIES

MATTEO MESSINA DENARO, 61

Powerful — and ruthless — Sicilian mob boss was once Italy's No. 1 fugitive

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Matteo Messina Denaro, a convicted mastermind of some of the Sicilian Mafia's most heinous slayings, has died in an Italian hospital prison ward, several months after being captured as Italy's No. 1 fugitive and following decades on the run. He was 61.

Italian prosecutors announced the death on Monday, which occurred at a hospital in the central Italian city of L'Aquila.

He was reported to have had colon cancer, among other ailments.

Reputed by investigators to be one of the Mafia's most powerful bosses, Mr. Messina Denaro had been living while a fugitive in western Sicily, his stronghold, during at least much of his 30 years of eluding law enforcement thanks to the help of complicit townspeople. His need for colon cancer treatment led to his capture on Jan. 16.

ALESSANDRO FUCARINI/AP

A computer-generated image of Matteo Messina Denaro that police released in 2007. He was on the run for decades.

Investigators were on his trail for years and had discovered evidence that he was receiving chemotherapy as an outpatient at a Palermo clinic under an alias. Digging into Italy's national health system database, they tracked him down and took him into custody when he showed up for a treatment appointment.

His arrest came 30 years and a day after the Jan. 15, 1993, capture of the Mafia's "boss of bosses," Salvatore "Toto" Riina in a Palermo apartment, also after decades in hiding. Mr. Messina Denaro himself went into hiding later that year.

While a fugitive, Mr. Messina Denaro was tried in absentia and convicted of dozens of murders, including helping to plan, along with other Cosa Nostra bosses, a pair of 1992 bombings that killed Italy's leading anti-Mafia prosecutors — Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino.

Prosecutors had hoped in vain that he would collaborate with them and reveal Cosa Nostra secrets.

But according to Italian media reports, Mr. Messina Denaro made clear that he wouldn't talk immediately after capture. After his arrest, he began serving multiple life sentences in a top-security prison in L'Aquila.

His silence hewed to the examples of Riina and of the Sicilian Mafia's other top boss, Bernardo Provenzano, who was captured in a farmhouse in Corleone, Sicily, in 2006, after 37 years in hiding — the longest time on the run for a Mafia boss.

Once Provenzano was in police hands, the state's hunt focused on Mr. Messina Denaro, who managed to elude arrest despite reported sightings of him.

Dozens of lower-level Mafia bosses and foot soldiers did turn state's evidence following a crackdown on the Sicilian syndicate sparked by the assassinations of Falcone and Borsellino, bombings that also killed Falcone's wife and several police bodyguards.

Among Mr. Messina Denaro's multiple murder convictions was one for the slaying of the young son of a turncoat. The boy was abducted and strangled, and his body was dissolved in a vat of acid.

Mr. Messina Denaro was also among several Cosa Nostra top bosses who were convicted of ordering bombings in 1993 that targeted two churches in Rome, the Uffizi Galleries in Florence and an art gallery in Milan. A total of 10 people were killed in the Florence and Milan bombings.

The attacks in those three tourist cities, according to turncoats, were aimed at pressuring the Italian government into easing rigid prison conditions for convicted mobsters.

When Mr. Messina Denaro was arrested, Palermo's chief prosecutor, Maurizio De Lucia, declared: "We have captured the last of the massacre masterminds."

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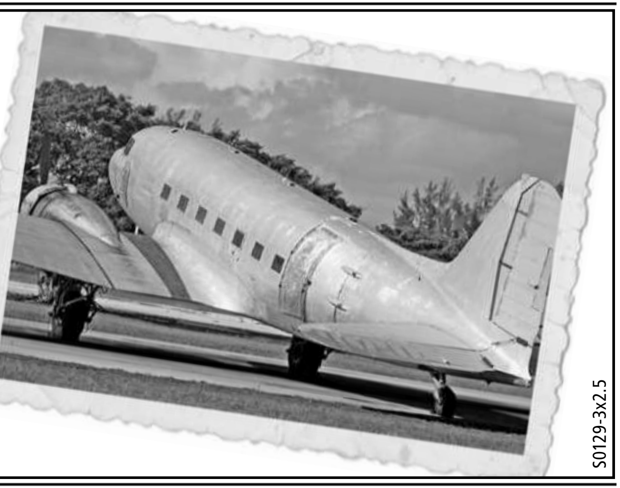

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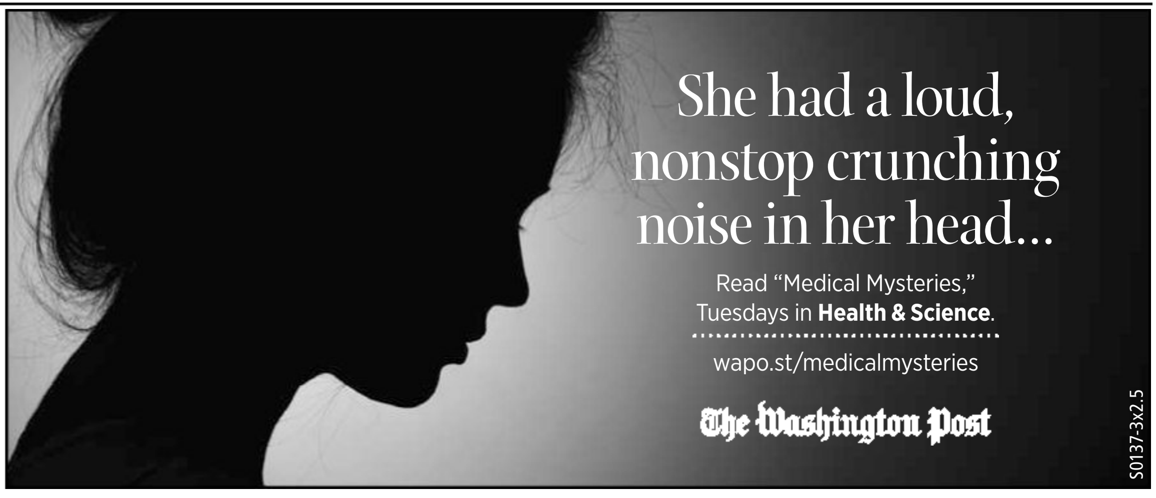


DEATH NOTICE

GRAY

MARY GRAY "Joan"

Mary "Joan" Gray (née Sobieck) passed away on June 2, 2023. She was living with her youngest daughter Theresa Croghan in Kenilworth, IL at the time. She had just celebrated her 92nd birthday on May 28. Joan was one of the seven children of Anne (née Philips) and Wilford Sobieck. She grew up on her family farm in Bowlus, MN. She attended stewardess college in 1953 as American Airlines most junior stewardess. In 1955 she left the airline to marry a young Lt. in the Marine Corps from Texas, D'Wayne Gray. They had 58 wonderful and adventurous years of marriage, with many of them spent on military bases around the world. Joan spent these years being an avid volunteer and an active member of the Marine Corps wives club wherever she was living. Over the years, Joan revived her career at American Airlines. She remained an active member of the Washington, DC Kiwi Club well into her 80's. Joan was preceded in death by her husband and all her siblings. She is survived by her three children: Stephen D. Gray, Elizabeth Gray Hendrickson (Jeffery), Theresa Gray Croghan (John). Joan was adored by her four grandchildren: Matthew Hendrickson (Julia), Rosie Croghan Schalka (Michael), Elizabeth Croghan, Mary Croghan Schoder (Scott).
Joan was the beloved great grandmother of Mary and Julie Schalka and Faye and Scott Schoder.
Funeral mass will be held on October 11, 2023 at the Old Post Chapel, Ft Myer, VA at 2:45 p.m with Interment in Arlington National Cemetery. There will be a reception immediately following at Patton Hall in the Fife and Drum room. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to be made to The American Red Cross in Joan's honor at The American Red Cross, PO Box 37889, Boone, IA, 50037.

DEATH NOTICE

KLINGENFUS

EMIL KLINGENFUS

Emil J. Klingenfus, retired US Army colonel, died October 1, 2023. He retired in 1983 after more than thirty years' service as a Signal Corps logistician.

Born March 10, 1930, in New Athens, IL, he was son of Emil O. and Viola (Feurer) Klingenfus.

His wife of 37 years, Imogene, a former US Air Force Flight Nurse, died in 1995. His wife and companion of more than 18 years, Viola, a former fashion model and popular restaurant owner, died in 2016.

He is survived by a brother, Robert W. Klingenfus, of Tucson, AZ.

Arrangements pending for burial in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

DEATH NOTICE

ROGERSON

WYNEFRED WALKER ROGERSON

Wynefred Walker Rogerson, 93, of Mount Pleasant, SC, formerly of Alexandria, VA, died Thursday, September 28, 2023. A memorial service will be held October 14, 2023, in J. Henry Stuhr, Inc., Mt. Pleasant Chapel at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the National Gallery of Art, 2000 South Club Drive, Landover, MD 20785, www.nga.gov. A memorial message may be sent to the family by visiting our website at
www.jhenrystuhr.com.

ROUCH

M. DUANE ROUCH (Age 91)

M. Duane Rouch of Bowie, MD passed away on September 15, 2023. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years Susan; daughter Lynette Miller; sons Michael (Carol) and Scott (Melanie), eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

He was a Navy veteran and worked for Bendix Field Engineering Corp. (Allied Signal, Honeywell) for thirty five years. After retiring he enjoyed creating stained glass, playing senior softball on the Bowie Gold team, and worked as an on-screen extra in many films shot in the DC-Baltimore area.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

SHAFER

KENNETH B. SHAFER (Age 71)

It is with regret that we notify the members of Steamfitters Local 602 of the death of Retired Brother Kenneth B Shafer. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 1 p.m. at the Evergreen Cemetery, 10601 Assateague Road, Berlin, MD 21811. Notice #1931.

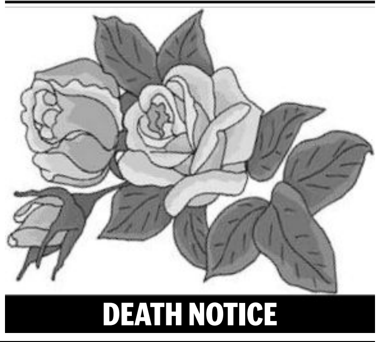
Christopher M Madello
F.S.T.

DEATH NOTICE

BARANICK

ANNEMARIE BARANICK

Annemarie Baranick died on Thursday, September 28, 2023 of Ovarian Cancer. Annemarie was born in Winterthur, Switzerland in November 1944 to Ernst and Rosa. In 1966, while studying at the Alliance Francaise in Paris, France she met her future husband, William Baranick. She followed him to the US where they married on September 2, 1967. Annemarie is survived by her husband Bill; two children Eric Baranick and Andrea Cornfeld (husband Rob) and six grandchildren, Erica, Amanda, Samantha, Kate, William and Megan, who were her pride and joy. Interment will be private in Winterthur, Switzerland. A local Celebration of Life in Gaithersburg, MD is to be determined. In lieu of flowers please send donations to The American Cancer Society- donate.cancer.org



DEATH NOTICE

ALEXANDER

MARY JANE ALEXANDER
1947 - 2023

Mary Jane Alexander, 76, of Springfield, Virginia, known to her loved ones as "MJ," passed away peacefully on August 20, 2023. Her adoring husband of 54 years, Colonel (Ret.) Robert W. Alexander, was by her side. Beloved sister of Philip Verveer and sister-in-law Melanne Verveer. Cherished aunt of Michael Verveer, Alexandra Verveer (Adam Goldberg), Elaina Verveer (Greg Johnson), Scott Martin (Katie), Brooke Clement (Tony), Lyndsay Ressler (Adam), and Haley Wilkes (Dan). Devoted great aunt to many great nieces and nephews, including Leigh and Evan Bianchi, who loved her dearly.

A dedicated Air Force wife for whom Bob's 26-year service was as much her career as his, MJ shared in 10 permanent changes of station, including NATO assignments in Germany and Belgium. During Bob's service, she worked in the U.S. Civil Service as an Administrative Assistant and Program Analyst. In recent years, MJ volunteered with the Honor Flight Network welcoming veterans at Washington Reagan National Airport.

MJ was known for her warm and friendly nature and for always putting her family first. She delighted in hosting annual Easter egg hunts in her and Bob's home for their grandnieces since they were very young, including through this past Easter though those grandnieces are now in their 20s. MJ never let anyone leave a hunt without life-sized bags of popcorn.

MJ was an accomplished genealogist, documenting generations of the Verveer family tree in Europe and the United States through extensive research. She had a passion for traveling and was an avid collector of Early Americana, chocolate and ice cream molds, and porcelain. MJ particularly loved rabbits, and her family delighted in her collection of molds in the shapes of bunnies.

Born in Elmhurst, Illinois to the late Louis L. Verveer and the late Janet Zerfass Verveer, MJ received her primary education at Star of the Sea in Honolulu, Hawaii, and St. Joseph's Catholic School in Downers Grove, Illinois. She graduated from Downers Grove North High School and later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from Iowa State University, where she met Bob on an arranged date for the ROTC Military Ball.

Bob, who at one youthful stage, had proclaimed in writing he would never marry, suddenly found himself inviting MJ to a ROTC parade with his parents, asking MJ to pin his gold bars on him with his mother when he was commissioned, attending church with MJ, and driving her home to the Chicago area after the school year. For her part, MJ quickly began her own training program, which lasted 55 years, to improve Bob's punctuality and appreciation of modern films.

A faithful Catholic, Mary Jane was a member of St. Bernadette's Catholic Church in Springfield, Virginia, where she worshipped.

Funeral services for Mary Jane on November 30, 2023, will include a Funeral Mass at St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Springfield, Virginia, at 10 a.m. and graveside services at Arlington National Cemetery at 1 p.m.

The family thanks The View Alexandria and Goodwin Hospice staffs for their compassionate care. Friends Gretchen Sauer, Mary Jane Bradley-Smith, Barb and Terry Croft, Brian Boland, John Peterson, and Helene Phelan provided solace from near and afar. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Catholic Charities, Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO) in Springfield, Virginia, World Central Kitchen, the Honor Flight Network, Goodwin Hospice, or the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society.

The Demaine Funeral Home in Springfield, Virginia, is assisting the family with the arrangements.

May Mary Jane Alexander rest in eternal peace. Her memory is a blessing to all who knew and loved her.

View and sign Mary Jane's memorial page and guestbook at
www.DignityMemorial.com

CRATER

JULIA FRANCIS CRATER
JUNE 17, 1937 – SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

Julia "Julie" F. Crater, 86, of Potomac, MD passed away peacefully at home on September 11 surrounded by her family. Julie was born to the late Gerald McFadden Francis and Mona Keith Francis of Takoma Park, MD where she grew up with her three siblings. She was a graduate of Blair High School and The College of William and Mary. Education was very important to Julie which she instilled in her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed listening to all genres of music and began playing the piano at an early age. Julie shared her passion for music with the community by teaching piano lessons to members of the neighborhood, leaving a lasting legacy of melody and joy in those she taught. Throughout her life she was devoted to helping others and gave freely of her time and love. Family, friends and strangers were all beneficiaries of Julie's generosity and kindness. Her selflessness serves as a reminder of the power of kindness. Her grandchildren were the light of her life and recipients of "Honey's" unconditional love. She had a special relationship with each one and was devoted to their happiness and success. "Honey" recognized and celebrated their talents, achievements, successes, and pursuits. Her kindness, smile, and infectious laugh will be cherished memories for all who had the privilege of knowing her. Julie is survived by her husband of 65 years, Quincy M. Crater II "Chip", her sister Marian Long (Robert), her daughters Susan York (Tucker) and Cathryn White (Jon), and her seven amazing grandchildren – Ty, Quincy, Eloise and Brooke York, and Haley, Jack and Meredith White. She is preceded in death by her brothers, Don (Delores) and Jerry (Linda) Francis. A memorial service to celebrate Julie's life will be held on November 10, at 11 a.m. at Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Rd., Potomac, MD. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation at www.bcrf.org. Please sign the guest book at:
www.DeVolFuneralHome.com

MARKEE

LORETTA JEWELL MARKEE

Loretta Jewell (Powers) Markee, 91, of Winchester, VA, passed away on Thursday, October 5, 2023 quietly at home.
Jewell was born in 1932 in Fauquier County, VA, the daughter of the late, Fred and Mary Belle (Rasnake) Powers. She retired from the U.S. government as a Legal/Technical Editor, a job she worked at for 30 years. Jewell was a member of Lighthouse Full Gospel Church in Stephens City, VA. She loved flowers and bird watching.
Jewell married Gerald Everett Markee in April of 1950 in Waterville, ME, he preceded her in death on December 22, 2007.
She is survived by her daughter, Marilyn J. Nitz (Robert); sons, Curtis F. Markee (Carlene), Rev. Paul E. Markee (Tonia); 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; six great great-grandchildren and her brother, Lloyd Powers (Susie).
Jewell is preceded in death by her parents, husband; daughter, Deanna J. Cook and her brothers, Dwayne, Wayne, Kirk, James and Robert.
A visitation will be held for Jewell on Monday, October 9, 2023 from 6pm to 8pm with a service the following day, Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 11 a.m., all held at Lighthouse Full Gospel Church, 110 Conestoga Lane, Stephens City, VA 22655. Interment will be in Shenandoah Memorial Park. Officiating will be Rev. Paul E. Markee.
Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jewell to; Lighthouse Full Gospel Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 842, Stephens City, VA 22655.
Please visit obituaries and tribute wall at
www.ompsfuneralhome.com

WHITAKER

DEACON ROBERT WILLIAM WHITAKER

Robert William Whitaker died on September 30, 2023 at age 84 years.
A mathematics graduate from Duke, Robert was actively involved in the Civil Rights Movement. Robert relocated to Washington, DC, where he met and married Jane Catherine Jones and was a Computer Engineering Systems Analyst for 35 years. In 1993, Robert became a Permanent Deacon in the Roman Catholic Church.
He is survived by his wife Jane; his children, Susan, Peter, Matthew, and Matthew's wife Kate; and his grandchildren, Hannah, Elijah, Luke, Ellie, and David.
A visitation will be held on October 6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Joseph Gawler's Sons. A funeral mass will be held on October 7 at 12 p.m. at Saint Ann Roman Catholic Church followed by burial at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery.
Further information may be found on Joseph Gawler's Sons website.

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DEATH NOTICE

NEWBILL

HARRIET LINDNER NEWBILL

Harriet Lindner Newbill of Bethesda, Maryland passed away peacefully on September 26, 2023 at the age of 100. She was born in Washington, DC and lived most of her life in the Washington area.

She attended Woodrow Wilson High School, Stephens College in Columbia Missouri and graduated from Stetson University in Deland Florida. She was a member of the Washington Chapter of the National Society of Arts and Letters, a Founder and on the Women's Committee of The National Museum of Women in the Arts, the Omega Chapter of Alpha Zi Delta Fraternity and a member of Congressional Country Club.

Her husband, Henry Logan Newbill III, a U.S. Naval aviator, died in 1974. She is survived by her two children, Tom Newbill (Robin) and Mary (Cissy) Newbill. She loved and adored her three grandchildren, Logan Newbill (Lea), Meredith Cumbo (Sam) and Hallie Johnson (Bradford) and she was so proud of her six great grandchildren, Millie, Kaito, Henry, Bryant, Maren and Kade.

A memorial service will be held Friday, November 10, 2023 at 11 a.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Potomac, Maryland with a reception to follow at Congressional Country Club. She will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road, Potomac, Maryland or the National Museum of Women in the Arts, 1250 New York Ave. NW, Washington, DC.

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PEKATOS

NICKOLAS PEKATOS

In Loving Memory of Nickolas Pekatos
August 22, 1933 - September 26, 2023

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Nickolas Pekatos, a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He passed away peacefully on September 26, 2023, at the age of 90.
Nickolas was born on August 22, 1933, in pre-war Kefalonia, Greece, a place that held a special place in his heart throughout his life. His early years were marked by the tumultuous events of World War II and the Greek Civil War. During this time he completed his education, displaying the resilience and determination that would become hallmarks of his character. He became a director and counselor at a boys' town and camp for war-orphaned children, where he first crossed paths with the love of his life, Alexandra Elefantis, who would become his partner in building a life together filled with love and compassion.
In 1953, tragedy struck Kefalonia when a major earthquake devastated the island. As a result, Nickolas received a visa and in 1955, made his journey to the United States.
In 1956, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served with distinction, including deployments during the Beirut, Lebanon crisis and the Cuban Missile Crisis. It was during this time that he returned to Greece to marry Alexandra. They welcomed their first son, Spero, while stationed in West Germany. Their family grew in 1964 when their second son, James, was born. James was later diagnosed with autism. Nickolas and Alexandra demonstrated boundless love and care in providing for him.
In 1964, Nickolas left the U.S. Army and started an upholstery business in Alexandria, Virginia, originally named Devaris Upholstery, which was later renamed Devaris Fabrics. Nickolas was a successful businessman, providing for his wife and children and his parents in Greece. He was an active member of the Greek AHEPA organization and a dedicated supporter of Cephalonian Global initiatives. His commitment to preserving his Greek heritage and contributing to the community was unwavering.
Throughout the years, Nickolas and Alexandra enjoyed the tradition of returning to Greece every summer for vacation since 1973. In 2011, Nickolas Pekatos retired and sold his successful business. In 2021, his heart was broken when his beloved wife of 63 years passed away.
Nickolas Pekatos will be forever remembered and cherished by his loving sons, Spero and James; his daughter-in-law, Lucy; and his grandchildren, Christine Marie, Alexandra Mary, and Nicholas John.
A viewing to celebrate Nickolas Pekatos's life will be held at 4 to 8 p.m. on October 8, 2023, at Everly-Wheatley, 1500 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the National Autism Association or Saint Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church in Falls Church Virginia. He will be buried in his home village of Potamianata, Kefalinia Greece.
May his soul rest in eternal peace, and may his memory be a blessing to us all.

SILVA

EUGENE ALAN SILVA
May 23, 1938 – September 26, 2023

Eugene A. Silva, Ph.D., quietly passed away on September 26, 2023 in Fairfax County, Virginia. He was 85.

Dr. Silva was born in Oakland, California. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Stanford University, and was awarded his Ph.D. in naval architecture/ocean engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.

Leaving California, Dr. Silva joined a small cadre of specialists to help form the Navy SEABEE's Underwater Construction Teams, which he considered one of the most rewarding professional endeavors of his life.

In the late 1970's, Dr. Silva began a campaign to get the Office of Naval Research (ONR) to provide basic research support for Navy offshore construction. His ongoing effort was rewarded in 1978 when he was offered the position of program manager for ONR's Ocean Technology Program. This began a twenty-year career at ONR in a wide variety of positions that included rather reluctant service as a member of the Senior Executive Service.

As an ONR program manager, Dr. Silva was involved in research efforts with major naval relevance and public interest. One such program involved the development of an undersea search system for finding objects on the seafloor based on studies done from the ONR research submersible, ALVIN. During the early trials of the system, Dr. Robert Ballard (Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution) found the wreck of the RMS TITANIC.

Another project that received considerable Navy and public attention was the development of the Arsenal Ship—a new, innovative ship requested by the Chief of Naval Operations that offered theater commanders new, unique capabilities. Dr. Silva was a program manager and the spokesman for the project.

Dr. Silva retired from the Department of Navy in 1998 after 30 years of service, including four years in uniform. He received many awards and commendations, including the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award in 1997.

Retirement opened time for new opportunities to Dr. Silva, who was a lifelong learner and voracious reader. While aviation and prehistoric archaeology were his prime retirement interests, he also pursued learning the Navajo language, and playing the Navajo flute. Dr. Silva attributed his lifelong interest in Native Americans to the elite firefighter Hotshot crew (most of which were Native Americans), who he worked with during his summer breaks from college.

In retirement, Dr. Silva learned to fly fixed-wing planes and helicopters. He was a regular at Manassas, Warrenton, and Culpeper airports, and especially enjoyed WWII flyins, and visiting hangars where he helped friends who were building experimental airplanes.

A few years ago, Dr. Silva left a note for the executor of his will. He said that his life had been "a good ride" and then closed the note with the following message for the family, friends, and colleagues he would leave behind:

"And now, Eugene Alan Silva leaves us with the hope that you will have a very good time of it while you are here; that some of you will do good science and engineering; that some of you will fly the perfect loop or landing; and, that all of you will enjoy the oceans and great outdoors and what the creatures who inhabit them have to offer."

The service at Quantico National Cemetery for Dr. Silva will be private. To honor his memory, please consider a donation to a nonprofit charity such as:

American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)
www.AISES.org
or
Oceana
www.Oceana.org

Funeral arrangements are being made by Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home (https://www.fairfaxmemorialfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Eugene-Alan-Silva-Phd?obId=29385813#/obituaryInfo) where you will find a place to share memories and photos of Dr. Silva.

THE WEATHER

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Cooler with showers

Showers could continue for a time behind a cold front. Clearing into midday might be interrupted by more clouds and a passing shower later in the afternoon. Mid-60s to around 70 for highs will feel a bit chilly after our recent warm spell. It's a primer for Sunday. Winds will add to the chill factor, with gusts of up to 30 or 35 mph and sustained winds around 10 to 20 mph from the northwest.

Today
Rain

67° 50°
FEELS*: **66°**
CHNCE PRECIP: **70%**
WIND: **WNW 10–20 mph**
HUMIDITY: **Moderate**

Sunday
Partly sunny

63° 47°
FEELS: **62°**
P: **5%**
W: **W 10–20 mph**
H: **Moderate**

Monday
Partly sunny

64° 49°
FEELS: **61°**
P: **20%**
W: **SW 8–16 mph**
H: **Moderate**

Tuesday
Partly sunny

70° 50°
FEELS: **72°**
P: **20%**
W: **W 6–12 mph**
H: **Moderate**

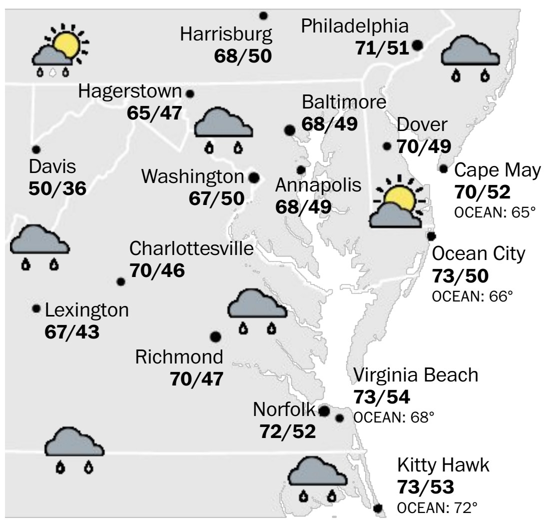
Wednesday
Mostly sunny

72° 54°
FEELS: **73°**
P: **5%**
W: **S 6–12 mph**
H: **Moderate**

Thursday
Sunny

79° 63°
FEELS: **78°**
P: **15%**
W: **SSW 7–14 mph**
H: **Moderate**

REGION



Pollen: Moderate
Grass Low
Trees Low
Weeds Low
Mold Moderate

Air Quality: Good
Dominant cause: Ozone

UV: Moderate
3 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, breezy. Partly sunny in central parts; mostly cloudy elsewhere. High 50 to 54. Winds west-northwest 10–20 mph. Tonight, mainly clear, breezy. Low 35 to 39. Winds west-northwest 10–20 mph. Sunday, partly sunny, colder. High 40 to 44.

Atlantic beaches: Today, mostly cloudy, breezy; a little rain during the morning, but any time in the north. High 70 to 74. Winds north-northeast 10–20 mph. Tonight, mainly clear. Low 48 to 52. Winds northwest 10–20 mph. Sunday, mostly sunny.

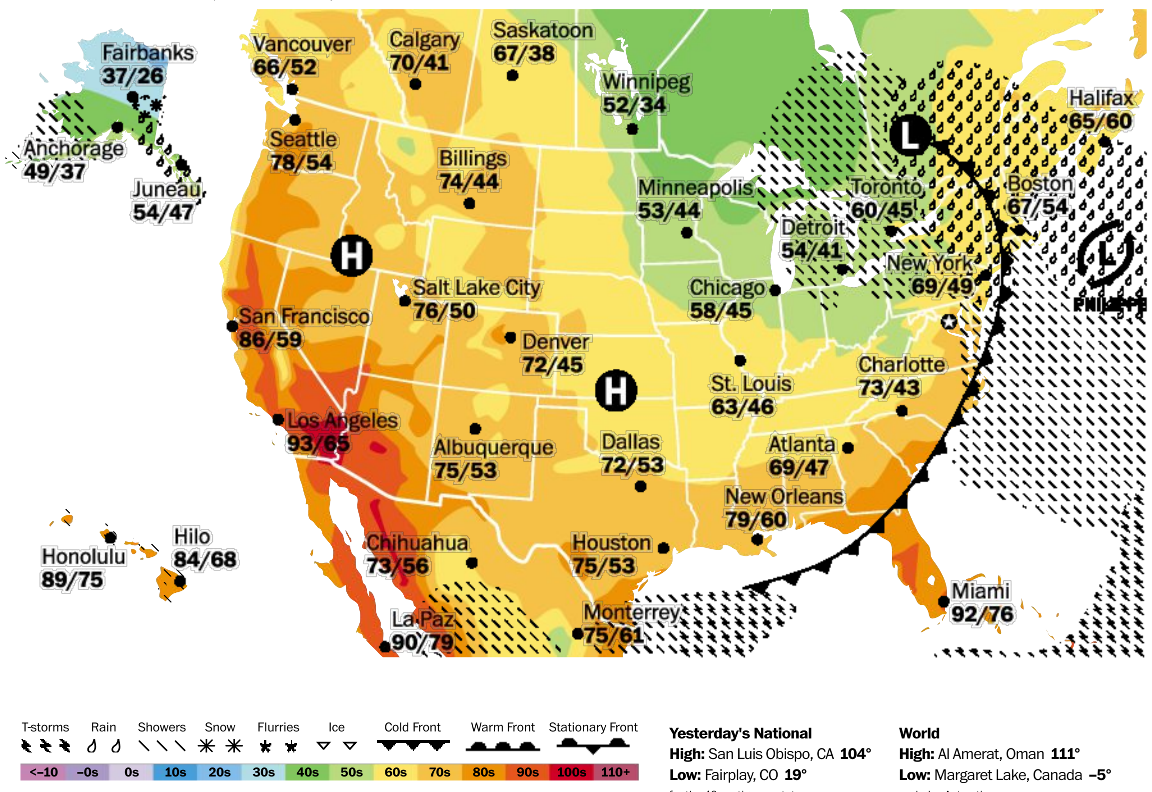
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, a morning shower, clouds breaking. Wind northwest 8–16 knots. Waves 1–3 feet. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, a morning shower or two, clouds breaking. Wind northwest 12–25 knots. Waves 1–3 feet on the Lower Potomac; 2–4 feet on the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 2.70 feet today, with no change of 2.70 Sunday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	**2:45 a.m.**	10:12 a.m.	**3:38 p.m.**	10:01 p.m.
Annapolis	**12:38 a.m.**	7:02 a.m.	**11:53 a.m.**	6:18 p.m.
Ocean City	**2:15 a.m.**	8:21 a.m.	**2:58 p.m.**	9:45 p.m.
Norfolk	**4:24 a.m.**	10:27 a.m.	**4:57 p.m.**	11:44 p.m.
Point Lookout	3:30 a.m.	**8:21 a.m.**	2:07 p.m.	**9:21 p.m.**

NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



Yesterday's National
High: San Luis Obispo, CA **104°**
Low: Fairplay, CO **19°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Al Amerat, Oman **111°**
Low: Margaret Lake, Canada **–5°**
excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	66/49/r	56/41/c
Albuquerque	75/53/pc	79/52/s
Anchorage	49/37/c	44/35/r
Atlanta	69/47/s	68/49/s
Austin	75/49/pc	81/51/s
Baltimore	68/49/sh	64/44/pc
Billings, MT	74/44/s	76/48/s
Birmingham	69/43/s	70/46/s
Bismarck, ND	66/42/s	63/36/s
Boise	79/51/s	84/53/s
Boston	67/54/r	64/51/pc
Buffalo	57/46/sh	51/44/sh
Burlington, VT	68/48/r	60/45/sh
Charleston, SC	82/52/pc	71/47/s
Charleston, WV	59/40/pc	56/45/c
Charlotte	73/43/s	65/44/s
Cheyenne, WY	69/42/s	75/42/s
Chicago	58/45/pc	54/44/pc
Cincinnati	59/40/pc	58/45/pc
Cleveland	56/45/sh	54/43/pc
Dallas	72/53/s	82/60/s
Denver	72/45/s	79/46/s
Des Moines	59/43/s	70/40/s
Detroit	54/41/c	54/40/c
El Paso	82/58/s	84/58/s
Fairbanks, AK	37/26/c	32/26/sn
Fargo, ND	58/42/pc	62/39/s
Hartford, CT	69/48/r	62/43/pc
Honolulu	89/75/r	89/76/pc
Houston	75/53/pc	77/56/s
Indianapolis	59/41/pc	59/44/c
Jackson, MS	73/43/s	74/47/s
Jacksonville, FL	85/53/sh	76/46/s
Kansas City, MO	62/43/s	74/46/s
Las Vegas	92/67/s	93/67/s
Little Rock	68/46/s	74/52/s
Los Angeles	93/65/s	88/61/s
Louisville	63/44/pc	65/50/pc
Memphis	65/47/s	71/54/s
Miami	92/76/sh	90/75/sh
Milwaukee	58/44/pc	56/42/pc
Minneapolis	53/44/pc	56/40/s
Nashville	64/42/s	67/50/s
New Orleans	79/60/pc	74/56/s
New York City	69/49/r	60/50/pc
Norfolk	72/52/c	65/48/s
Oklahoma City	67/44/s	80/53/s
Omaha	61/43/s	70/41/s
Orlando	89/67/s	83/66/s
Philadelphia	71/51/r	61/48/pc
Phoenix	102/76/pc	96/74/s
Pittsburgh	59/44/c	53/44/pc
Portland, ME	64/54/r	62/45/c
Portland, OR	83/57/s	77/58/pc
Providence, RI	68/51/sh	63/45/pc
Raleigh, NC	72/45/pc	65/43/s
Reno, NV	85/50/s	84/51/s
Richmond	70/47/pc	66/43/s
Sacramento	95/57/s	91/57/s
St. Louis	63/46/s	72/49/s
St. Thomas, VI	90/79/pc	91/80/s
Salt Lake City	76/50/s	77/53/s
San Diego	82/63/pc	80/64/s
San Francisco	86/59/s	74/57/s
San Juan, PR	94/77/sh	93/79/pc
Seattle	78/54/s	70/54/pc
Spokane, WA	77/50/s	77/53/s
Syracuse	59/49/r	56/45/sh
Tampa	89/67/pc	83/65/s
Wichita	65/43/s	80/48/s

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	76/52/s	77/53/s
Amsterdam	69/55/c	63/53/c
Athens	80/60/s	80/63/s
Auckland	61/49/sh	61/52/r
Baghdad	97/74/pc	97/70/pc
Bangkok	90/79/t	89/78/t
Beijing	72/54/pc	71/51/pc
Berlin	64/49/r	58/42/s
Bogota	69/50/sh	68/49/pc
Brussels	73/55/pc	69/55/c
Buenos Aires	70/57/s	76/60/s
Cairo	86/72/pc	87/73/s
Caracas	78/66/t	80/66/t
Copenhagen	57/43/pc	56/44/s
Dakar	91/79/pc	91/80/c
Dublin	72/55/c	71/58/c
Edinburgh	56/50/r	59/55/r
Frankfurt	70/54/pc	66/47/c
Geneva	71/51/s	77/51/pc
Ham., Bermuda	84/76/s	85/75/pc
Helsinki	51/35/r	43/30/pc
Ho Chi Minh City	90/77/t	91/77/t
Hong Kong	80/71/c	80/73/sh
Islamabad	93/69/pc	92/69/pc
Istanbul	77/59/s	76/61/s
Jerusalem	79/61/c	81/64/s
Johannesburg	89/64/s	90/56/c
Kabul	80/57/s	80/56/s
Kingston, Jam.	92/80/t	92/80/sh
Kolkata	92/80/pc	93/80/pc
Kyiv	63/46/sh	52/40/r
Lagos	84/77/r	86/77/r
Lima	70/61/c	69/61/c
Lisbon	91/65/s	92/68/s
London	75/56/s	75/56/s
Madrid	88/60/s	87/62/s
Manila	89/78/t	91/79/t
Mexico City	71/57/sh	70/54/c
Montreal	64/49/r	53/43/sh
Moscow	47/37/r	39/35/sn
Mumbai	91/80/c	92/79/pc
Nairobi	83/56/pc	86/57/s
New Delhi	97/77/s	98/78/s
Oslo	55/35/s	53/33/pc
Ottawa	60/45/r	52/36/sh
Paris	78/52/s	80/53/pc
Prague	69/50/c	57/39/r
Rio de Janeiro	92/76/pc	82/75/pc
Riyadh	103/77/pc	104/76/pc
Rome	80/59/s	80/62/s
San Salvador	85/70/r	86/70/r
Santiago	74/44/s	76/45/pc
Sarajevo	72/41/s	77/47/pc
Seoul	76/57/pc	70/55/pc
Shanghai	73/61/r	75/61/c
Singapore	92/80/t	93/79/pc
Stockholm	46/33/s	47/28/s
Sydney	65/54/pc	67/53/pc
Taipei City	91/76/r	86/75/r
Tehran	77/61/s	78/63/c
Tokyo	76/61/pc	72/59/r
Toronto	60/45/sh	53/42/c
Vienna	76/63/pc	67/42/pc
Warsaw	65/46/c	53/36/s

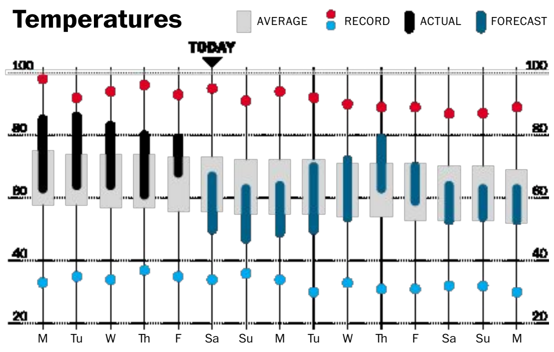
Key: **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

Sources: **AccuWeather.com**; US Army Centralized Allergen Extract Lab (pollen data); airnow.gov (air quality data); National Weather Service

* AccuWeather's **RealFeel Temperature®** combines over a dozen factors for an accurate measure of how the conditions really "feel."

OFFICIAL RECORD

Temperatures



Statistics through 5 p.m. Friday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**79°** 3:42 p.m.	**80°** 2:30 p.m.	**80°** 2:52 p.m.
Low	**68°** 5:16 a.m.	**65°** 2:00 a.m.	**69°** 5:00 a.m.
Normal	73°/56°	72°/49°	72°/51°
Record high	93° 1941	89° 2013	95° 1941
Record low	35° 1881	28° 1968	33° 1965

Difference from 30-yr. avg. (National): this month: **+7.5°** yr. to date: **+1.9°**

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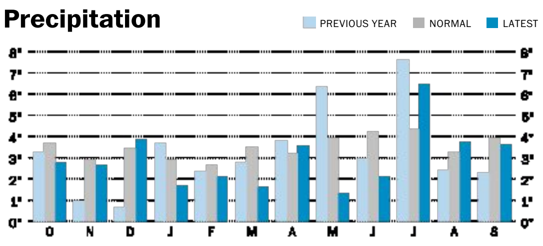

	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	Trace	0.00"	0.00"
Total this month	Trace	0.00"	0.00"
Normal	0.72"	0.76"	0.82"
Total this year	26.09"	25.87"	31.17"
Normal	32.56"	33.92"	35.04"

Moon Phases

Oct 14 New
Oct 21 First Quarter
Oct 28 Full
Nov 5 Last Quarter

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	7:09 a.m.	6:42 p.m.
Moon	none	3:39 p.m.
Venus	3:29 a.m.	4:41 p.m.
Mars	8:14 a.m.	7:14 p.m.
Jupiter	8:01 p.m.	9:44 a.m.
Saturn	5:00 p.m.	3:42 a.m.

Va. officials say they wrongly tossed 270 voters from rolls

VOTERS FROM B1

many until Friday.

As it turned out, only 270 of the removals were made in error, Beals said.

Even the smaller-than-expected number raised concerns for some legislators ahead of Nov. 7 elections, when all 140 seats in the closely divided state House and Senate will be on the ballot. Just a handful of races in both chambers will decide if Youngkin has the power to enact a conservative agenda that includes banning abortion after 15 weeks, with some exceptions.

"In 2017, control of the Virginia House of Delegates was decided by drawing a film canister [with a candidate's name] out of a bowl because the election was tied," said Sen. Scott Surovell (D-Fairfax), referring to the random drawing that allowed Republicans to hang on to power in the lower chamber by the narrowest of margins. "So every one of these actions is critical in today's Virginia electoral environment."

The problem is the latest of several mistakes and intentional policy decisions that Democrats have seized on to question the administration's competency and intentions when it comes to elections management.

In October 2022, just ahead of the midterm congressional elections, the elections department belatedly sent two batches of "motor voter" registration applications to local registrars for last-minute processing — 107,000 in the first batch, 149,000 in the second.

The department blamed computer problems with the state's long-troubled voter registration system, which is known as VERIS and dates to about 2007.

"Whether there's malice behind it or not, there's a real negative impact on voters," said Edgardo Cortés, a fellow with the Institute for Responsive Government, a think tank focused on government efficiency. "We're in the middle of early voting," he said. "It's a very tricky time to say, 'You can't participate,' and then, 'Oops, we were mistaken here.'"

Cortés was elections commissioner under Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D), who lost a comeback bid to Youngkin in 2021.

Late last year, elections officials said they found 10,588 people on the state's voter rolls who were ineligible to vote because of felony convictions. The discovery and subsequent removal of those voters seemed like a triumph for Youngkin, who had won the Executive Mansion in 2021 on a promise to improve the state's "election integrity."

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The Youngkin administration announced in December that it scrubbed 10,588 voters from the rolls as it sought to root out anyone not entitled to cast a ballot. Elections officials acknowledged Tuesday that some of them should not have been removed. On Friday, they announced that at least 270 voters were erroneously removed and that they were trying to reinstate them.

At the time, elections officials chalked the problem up to a quirk they'd uncovered in the state's aging elections software — one that allowed people who'd committed a felony, had their voting rights restored by the governor and then committed a second felony, to remain on the rolls.

"The original computer code written for the restoration of rights process did not provide for the instance in which an individual might be reconvicted of a felony following the restoration of their rights," the department announced.

Once the code was updated, however, the system failed to differentiate between probation violations committed by voters who'd had their rights restored and entirely new felonies.

Virginia permanently disenfranchises anyone convicted of a felony. A handful of other states limit voting access for those convicted of certain felonies, such as those involving violence. Virginia does not differentiate.

The only way someone convicted of a felony in Virginia can win back their rights is to petition the governor. Youngkin's three immediate predecessors — one Republican, two Democrats — took steps to automatically restore rights in at least some cases once their sentences were complete.

Youngkin reverted to a stricter policy, requiring each person to file an application that the administration considers on a case-by-case basis, greatly reducing the number of people who regain the right to vote.

Kay Coles James, who was secretary of the commonwealth when the new policy came to light in March, said in a statement at the time that Youngkin "firmly believes in the importance of second chances. … Virginians trust the Governor and his Administration to consider each person individually and take into consideration the unique elements of each situation, practicing grace for those who need it and ensuring public safety for our community and families."

Youngkin has the right, as governor, to set stricter standards for rights restoration, said Sheba Williams, executive director of Nolef Turns, a prisoner reentry nonprofit that takes its name from "felon" spelled backward. But her group has been involved with a pending federal lawsuit challenging how his policy is being carried out — with no publicly disclosed criteria for rights restoration.

"We don't have the luxury of time because there's an election coming up in November," she said. "And we want to make sure everybody who is eligible can access that right."

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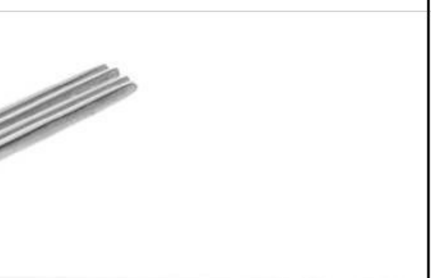

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Trump's violent rhetoric may now be old news

BY PAUL FARHI

Last week, the Republican Party's leading presidential candidate proposed executing suspected shoplifters.

"Very simply, if you rob a store, you can fully expect to be shot as you are leaving that store," former president Donald Trump said in Anaheim, Calif., outlining his vision for a second term at the convention of the state's Republican Party. As the audience applauded, laughed and cheered, Trump added for emphasis, "Shot!"

Trump's advocacy of extrajudicial killings was widely covered by newspapers and TV stations in California but generally ignored by the national press. No mainstream TV network carried his speech live or excerpted it later that night. CNN and MSNBC mentioned it during panel discussions over the next few days. The Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, NPR and PBS didn't report it at all. The New York Times wrote about it four days later, playing the story on Page 14 of its print edition.

The Anaheim speech was part of a pattern of increasingly aggressive rhetoric by Trump — and a somewhat muted response by the news media to his

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The bipartisan past of bow ties on Capitol Hill

BY ASHLEY FETTERS MALOY

Back in May, when Rep. Patrick T. McHenry (R-N.C.) was helping then-Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy negotiate a deal with the White House over the debt limit, McHenry described himself self-deprecatingly to the publication the Hill as "a little guy with a bow tie walking around doing my thing."

Ever since McCarthy's historic removal from his leadership role on Tuesday, McHenry's "thing" now includes presiding over House proceedings as the speaker pro tempore and tapping (read: nearly annihilating) the ceremonial gavel.

The bow ties, though, remain a constant.

On Tuesday, he accessorized his charcoal suit with a shiny, patterned, rose-colored bow tie. The next day, he engaged in a high-risk sartorial maneuver that swerved dangerously close to accidental-tuxedo territory: a navy suit with a black bow tie. The 10-term Congressman has also recently paired a dark-gray suit with variations in green and a blue-black stripe pattern accented with orange and gold. When Jimmy Fallon impersonated McHenry on his show

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BOOK WORLD

Nguyen tackles war and death in playful memoir

BY LISA KO

In a recent interview, the Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Viet Thanh Nguyen spoke about his "pervasive preoccupation" with the power of storytelling and his relationship to otherness. He contends with both in "A Man of Two Faces," his formally audacious new memoir, which was recently longlisted for the National Book Award for nonfiction. It is a vision of storytelling as not only internal work but also political work. Beginning with fragments of his early life, he asks, in a verse-like passage: "Where, on the thin border between/ history and memory, can I re/ member myself?"

Nguyen, who was born in 1971, was 4 when he fled Vietnam with his parents and older brother for what he terms AMERICA™. His 16-year-old sister, whom he would not see again for nearly 30 years, was left behind. At a military base in Pennsylvania, the rest of his family was separated to live with American sponsors. Reunited after several years, they eventually settled in San Jose, and opened the city's second Vietnamese

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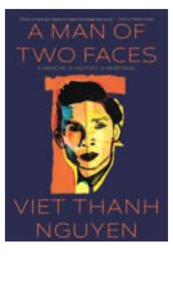

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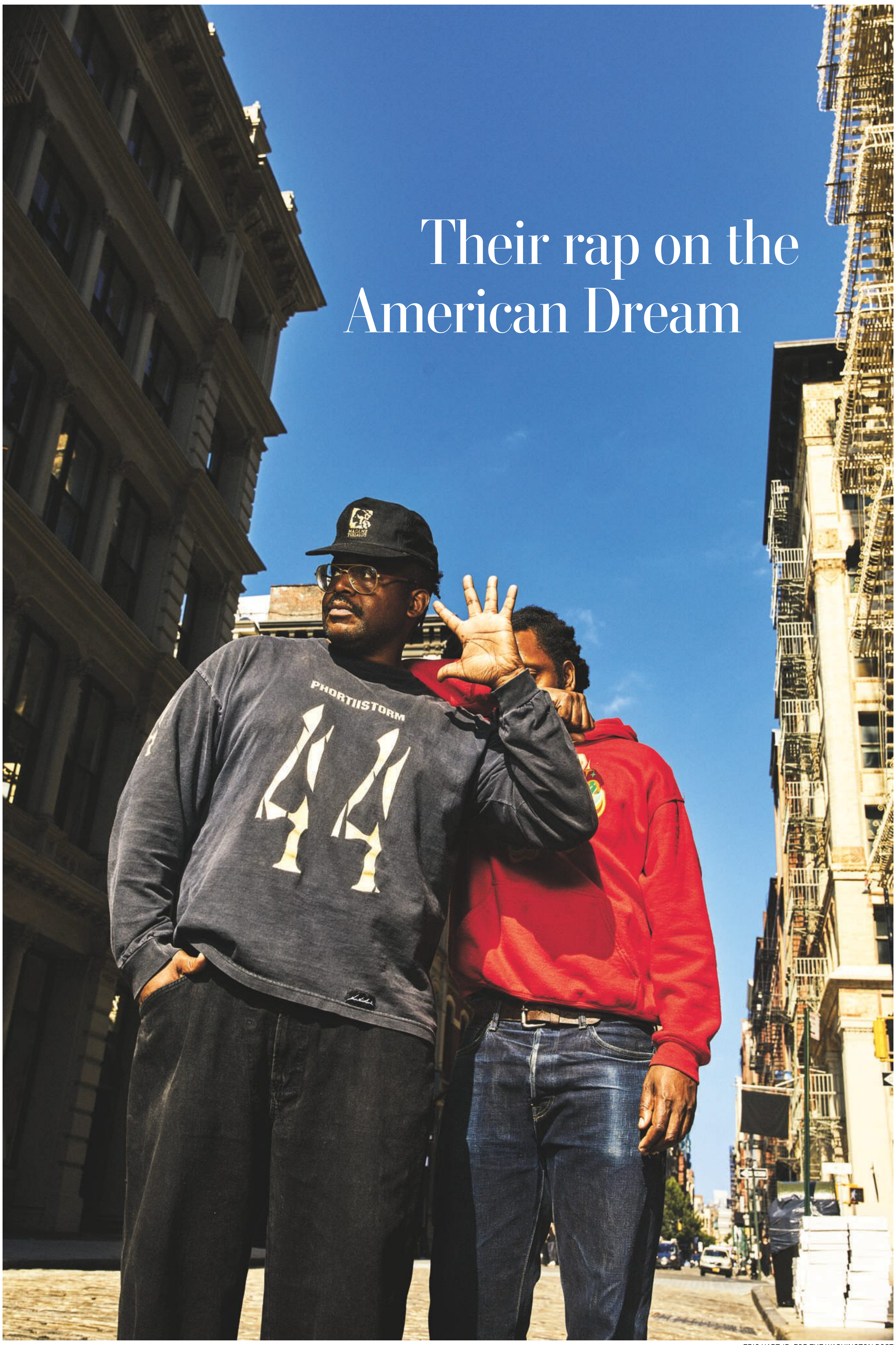
Their rap on the American Dream



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Dynamic hip-hop duo Armand Hammer's music speaks to the communities that the mainstream has forgotten

BY JAYSON BUFORD

Elucid, left, and billy woods write songs about life amid gentrification, commercialization and unrelenting capitalism.

In a morning walk around his Brooklyn neighborhood last year, billy woods, one half of the rap duo Armand Hammer, began to see strange signs nailed on lamp poles and abandoned walls, selling diabetic test strips. They were aimed at the uninsured and those who could not afford them at full retail price, he would later read online. For woods, the sight of the test strips offered a window into the underground economies that support life and survival in New York. It's "a city that has so many different layers of life that are piled on top of each other," he said. "You can go into a doorway you never knew existed."

Over the past decade, both woods and his collaborator Elucid, their stage names, have made career of telling crushing tales about the lie of the American Dream. "We Buy Diabetic Test Strips," their sixth studio album, captures why Armand Hammer is one of the most dynamic underground rap groups in the country, speaking to communities that the mainstream has forgotten. Their latest work, which was released on Sept. 29, documents how Americans attempt to navigate an economic system cracked by the pandemic, with only their heroic need to endure.

The duo combine the heartbreak of poverty and the despair of racism to make music that is both understatedly intense and oddly romantic, with lyrics like "rising and grinding, couldn't help/ wasn't seen, wasn't felt/ an honest day is overrated" on 2018's anti-capitalist anthem "No Days Off" or Elucid's poetic line, "Spirit swells like faces under the baton strike," on the fiercely pro-Black deep cut "Bob Barker."

Backed by grimy, atmospheric music, Armand Hammer's descriptions of life amid gentrification, commercialization and unrelenting capitalism — the feeling the state's boot is constantly resting on your neck — place them firmly in the tradition of the late '90s underground hip-hop label Definitive Jux, along with the great tabloid columnist Jimmy Breslin, Giuliani-era Spike Lee and John Steinbeck.

woods, who never shows his face in pictures, is a bare knuckle brawler of a rapper, mixing loquaciousness with political knowledge inherited from a Jamaican literature scholar

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Armand Hammer finds its strength in collaboration

ARMAND HAMMER FROM **C1**

mother and Zimbabwean revolutionary father. Born in Washington, he moved with his family to Zimbabwe as a child before returning to the United States, an experience of crossing worlds that informed his sense of displacement, the effects of colonialism and music. Back in America, he started his solo career after eight years on the fringes of the alt rap community.

From Jamaica, Queens, Elucid is the son of a churchgoing singer and musician. In the aughts, he started perfecting his deeply knotty lyrics and intoxicating delivery, honing his skills in a Crown Heights brownstone.

After the two appeared on the same compilation in 2011, woods, who spent time on the fringes of underground rap community, reached out to Elucid for a guest verse on his solo album, according to woods's Backwoodz Studioz. They were introduced by a mutual friend, the Backwoodz Studioz artist Uncommon Nasa, with woods telling the music site Pitchfork, "There's no Armand Hammer without Nasa."

Since their first collaboration in 2013's "Race Music," they rattled over four acclaimed albums, including 2021's *"Haram" (*with legendary boom bap producer the Alchemist*)*, a career-defining record that is jazzy and colorful compared with their trademark maximalist abrasion. "We Buy Diabetic Test Strips," for which they worked with multiple producers, including DJ Haram and JPEGMafia, is back to that chaos and directness.

"'Haram' is lean because it is one producer. So, we didn't want to do the same thing twice," explains Elucid. "["We Buy Diabetic Test Strips"] is sprawling and fits into the idea of a secret network, secret economy — so the songs have a winding kind of feel that will show up in the songs."

"Niggardly" sounds like a knife is being sharpened in your ears as woods raps about eating while "starving his enemies." On "The Gods Must Be Crazy," woods chides "White women with pepper spray interpolating Beyoncé."

Both Elucid and woods have solo careers, with the latter coming off 2023's "Maps," a critically acclaimed record about colonialism, marijuana and the perils of touring. Still, he returned to the work as Armand Hammer intact, and attempted to find the space that has allowed him and Elucid to achieve success.

Collaborating with Elucid has "made me a better artist, working with someone who is so talented," he says. "To be able to turn around and establish a collaboration as rich as this, I am already doing something so much different."

After 10 years together, Elucid thinks that woods is getting even better.

"He's become such a great songwriter," Elucid says. "There's just more mastery."

With the release of "We Buy Diabetic Test Strips," woods and Elucid reflect on how far they've come.

"The era that we started was so strange," Elucid says. "Shows were not really booking rap acts. It's a little bit different. Doors were shut then. So, it was like: "Am I still going to be here?"

Backwoodz Studioz, woods's label, has grown from a company of one to eighteen, attracting artists such as Skech185, Akai Solo and Fatboi Sharif. Fat Possum Records, a notable independent label that signed indie rock singer Soccer Mommy is distributing "Strips." Now, the duo is ready to embark on a worldwide tour.

Even so, for woods, his face will be a shadow; his words will be carefully chosen.

"I get recognized by someone in public once a year," he says. "That's not life-changing levels of fame."

Nor does he feel he has attained a level of fame that makes it difficult to hold onto his principles.

"I want people to pay attention to my art," woods says. "I don't particularly need to be recognized in the streets. People who do want that should explain themselves, not me."

"The era that we started was so strange," says Elucid, left, with billy woods. "Shows were not really booking rap acts. It's a little bit different. Doors were shut then. So, it was like: "Am I still going to be here?"

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New parents are uneasy about trusting a sitter

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

Dear Carolyn: First-time parents with a 7-month-old. We'd like to go out. We love him but would like some time together, too. Family is not an option to babysit. How the heck do you get comfortable leaving your child with strangers?! All I can think of is them just walking out the door with him, or walking out without him and leaving him alone, or feeding him something he shouldn't eat, or, of course, the worst-case scenarios.

— Parent

Parent: Short answer, you do the usual things to turn a stranger into someone you know.

Hire someone, check references, but don't just hand over the baby and leave. Have the person work for you while you're in the house. Give everyone time to get to know one another. It's not easy, and it's still a leap of faith, but it's a leap we take all the time. Your partner presumably was a stranger at some point.

The easier version is to borrow that kind of knowledge instead of making it from scratch: Ask people you know well to recommend someone they know well. This is not easy in a different sense, because often people with a good babysitter will hoard them, not share — but if someone has ample supply and/or has kids who are aging out of sitters, you can strike caregiving gold.

Another thing to remember is that what your anxiety tells you is dangerous may not be what is actually dangerous. "Protecting the Gift" by Gavin de Becker talks about this, and I urge you to read it before you hire sitters.

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Look around you, too — so many parents, so many care situations, so many microtransactions involving trust between two humans. If you're preoccupied by the ones that go wrong, then you won't be able to see the mechanics clearly of the ones that go right. Breathe and gather information and take the tiniest steps.

And don't think you ever have to preface hiring a sitter with, "We love him but ...," as if there's any link between that and wanting a break.

Dear Carolyn: Husband has Stage 4 cancer. My mother-in-law is 92 and mostly healthy but craves attention. She honestly believes we were all created to take care of her.

I have done dual caregiving duties until I found a relative who is willing to drive her to get groceries and have her hair done. She finds all kinds of excuses not to go with this person, who is a good, safe driver and patient beyond belief.

Any suggestions for being the caregiver to such a needy, needy mother-in-law while trying to take care of a very, very sick spouse?

— Overwhelmed

Overwhelmed: I am so sorry you're in this jam. Please take it as a get-out-of-guilt-free card: Present the relative as your mother-in-law's only option for getting to shops and appointments. She can make excuses till she's dizzy from lack of oxygen — it's either the relative or no ride at all, her choice. Smile, hug, bye/click.

I.e., stop rewarding her refusal to cooperate with the attention she seeks.

There is nothing to say you can't do this warmly. Her child is so ill, and assuming the best of her — that she's anxious about her son — it seems logical her anxiety would present as intensified neediness. A "no" to her leaves you more "yes" on hand for her son.

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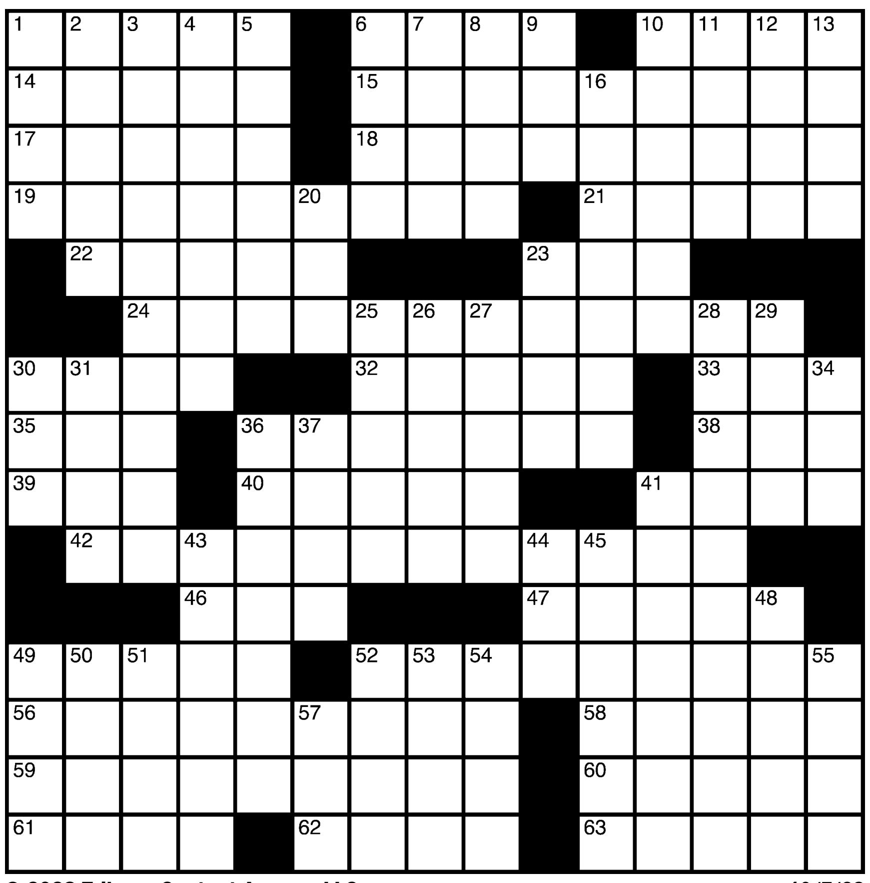

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Freeform	(:20) Movie: The Addams Family ★★ (1991) Gomez's long-lost brother, Uncle Fester, returns.					(:25) Movie: Addams Family Values ★★ (1993)			
FX	(5:00) Movie: Star Wars: Empire Strikes Back (...		Movie: Star Wars: Return of the Jedi ★★★ (1983) Luke and his allies have a confrontation with Darth Vader.						Movie: Die Hard (1...
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: Roadhouse Romance...		Movie: 3 Bed, 2 Bath, 1 Ghost (2023) (P)				Movie: The Sweetest Heart (2018)		
Hallmark M&M	Morning Show Mysteries				Morning Show Mysteries				Murder ...
HBO	(5:50) Movie: Body of Lies ★★ (2008)		Movie: American Sniper ★★★ (2014)				(:15) Movie: The Mexican ★★ (2001)		
HGTV	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
History	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens: Declassified						
Lifetime	(6:00) Movie: Abducted by My Teacher: Elizab...		Movie: Buying Back My Daughter (2023) (P)				(:05) Movie: Every Breath She Takes (2023)		
MASN	4th and	4th and	Pro Football Plus		Touchdown Baltimore		**Up & Adams**		**Charlie**
MSNBC	**Voices** (Live)		**Ayman** (Live)		**Ayman** (Live)		American Voices		Ayman
MTV	(6:00) Movie: Men in Black (1997)			(:25) Movie: Men in Black II ★★ (2002)				Movie: Men in Black ...	
Nat'l Geographic	To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler		**ASmuggler**	**ASmuggl..**	To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a
NBC SportsNet	**NHL Hockey**					Caps Line	Caps Line	NHL Hockey	
Nickelodeon	Movie: Monster High 2 (2023)				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NWSN	**NewsNation** (Live)		**NewsNation** (Live)		**NewsNation** (Live)		NewsNation Prime		NewsNat..
Paramount	(5:30) Movie: H...	(:45) Movie: The Hangover Part III ★★ (2013) All bets are off when the Wolfpack hits the road.					Movie: Role Models ★★★ (2008)		
Showtime	(6:15) Movie: Mafia Mamma ★ (2023)		Canelo Alvarez vs. Jermell Charlo			**All Access**	**Bellator MMA** 300: Nurmagomedov vs. Primus (Live)		
Syfy	Movie: They/Them (2022) A killer stalks campers at an LGBTQ+ conversion camp. (P)				(:15) Movie: The Invisible Man ★★★ (2020) An invisible psychopath terrorizes his ex-girlfriend.				
TBS	(4:30) **MLB Baseball**		**Postseas..**	**MLB Baseball** Arizona Diamondbacks at Los Angeles Dodgers					
TCM	(5:15) Movie: Home From the Hill (1960)		Movie: Harvey ★★★ (1950) A gentle tippler makes the rounds with an invisible friend.				Movie: Arsenic and Old Lace ★★★ (1944)		
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: Other		**90 Day Fiancé: Other**		**90 Day Fiancé: Other**		**90 Day: Other**		**90 Day**
TNT	(5:30) Movie: Independence Day: R...		All Elite Wrestling: Collision				Movie: 2012 ★★ (2009)		
Travel	Most Terrifying		Michigan Hell House				The Exorcism of Roland Doe		
TruTV	(4:30) **MLB Baseball**			**MLB Baseball** Arizona Diamondbacks at Los Angeles Dodgers (Live)					
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USA Network	Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		**Found**
VH1	Movie: Next Friday ★★ (2000)				Movie: Friday After Next ★ (2002)				Hip Hop
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LEGEND: Bold indicates new or live programs ♦ High Definition
Movie Ratings (from TMS) ★★★★ Excellent ★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor No stars: not rated

Nostalgia is part of bow tie's appeal

BOW TIES FROM **C1**

JABIN BOTSFORD/THE WASHINGTON POST

The bow tie is a signature look for Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-N.C.), the House speaker pro tempore.

Wednesday night, he did so in a gray suit, white dress shirt and a lavender bow tie with a pattern reminiscent of a multitude of tiny bubbles.

Clearly, for McHenry, the bow tie has become part of a signature look, a shrewd way to be just a little more recognizable in an environment where guys who look like him are, let's be honest, abundant. (He declined to comment, citing his current responsibilities.) But the particular tie style, especially when divorced from the tuxedo, has a long history in American politics. It has at times become the subject of some mild sartorial infighting — and an emblem of nostalgia, invoked across the political spectrum.

A great number of historical figures have made the bow tie a part of their personas. Of course, many of them did so back in the 19th and early-to-mid-20th centuries, when dress codes across Western civilization were more formal and bow ties were a more common staple of the male wardrobe. President Abraham Lincoln is often seen in photographs wearing a bow tie, as were both President Roosevelts and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Later on, of course, as the late 20th century's standardization of an office-work uniform popularized the necktie, the bow tie became a rarer sight. Its inclusion alongside a business suit has therefore come to be a way to add a touch of the old-fashioned to the whole ensemble, and a number of politicians made a signature of them throughout the latter part of the 20th century — including Albert Thomas of Texas, Otis G. Pike of New York and Charlie Vanik of Ohio.

That said, by the 1980s, the bow tie had developed a dubious reputation in some circles — perhaps thanks to John T. Molloy's 1975 book "Dress for Success." In the book, which would go on to popularize the concept of "power dressing," Molloy wrote that he found bow ties worn with a business suit made the wearer look "sneaky."

In 1986, Henry Allen rebutted

ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) is another congressman who regularly wears bow ties.

Molloy in The Washington Post, arguing that the very act of wearing a bow tie — and specifically having tied it oneself — made a man look smart. And by 2001, Wall Street Journal columnist Joseph Epstein defended the accessory's "subtle wit" and extolled the virtue of its nonconformity. But soon after that, Rob Walker shot back via a Slate column that the style's obvious, overwrought eccentricity had begun to align it with certain obnoxious aspects of conservative politics.

"It is a stunt accessory, with the sole function of drawing attention to the supposedly maverick and 'against the flow' worldview of its wearer," Walker wrote. "Its true analogue is the kid with the green mohawk and safety-pinned shirt complaining that everyone is staring at him all the time. The bow tie, in short, is the nose ring of the conservative."

In truth, over the past 30 years, the bow-tie tradition in American government has largely been kept alive by Democrats. Rep. Earl Blumenauer of Oregon and Rep. Donald Payne Jr. have been wearing them in the House for years. In the Senate, Paul Simon of Illinois and Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York wore them in the 1990s and 2000s, and Mo Cowan of Massachusetts made his short 2013 tenure in Congress memorable with boldly colorful renditions.

Still, McHenry's signature look taps into a connection between conservative politics and the bow tie that very much exists in the popular imagination. Tucker Carlson's affinity for the ties in the early part of his career followed him around long after he'd abandoned his habit of wearing them, and it probably even helped popularize them in subsets that consider Carlson cool. (In 2014, The Atlantic published a story titled "The Many Glorious Bow Ties of CPAC.")

And, undeniably, there's a whiff of good-old-days nostalgia to the bow tie, as there often is in conservative politics. A backward-looking wistfulness that invokes a supposed, long-ago time when America was great and men were men — and celebrated it by tying dainty bows around their necks.

After 8 long years, a 'banality of crazy'

TRUMP FROM **C1**

repeated exhortations to violence.

During his speech in Anaheim, Trump also mocked Rep. Nancy Pelosi's (D-Calif.) husband, who was gravely injured last year in a hammer attack by an assailant who reportedly believed the former president's lies about a "stolen" 2020 election.

A few days before his appearance in California, Trump suggested on his Truth Social platform that the outgoing chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Mark A. Milley, deserved "DEATH!" for reassuring Chinese officials that the United States had no plans to attack in the waning days of the Trump administration.

He has also hinted darkly about seeking retribution against judges, prosecutors, witnesses and officials involved in his multiple criminal and civil cases. In April, Trump said that an indictment by Manhattan District Attorney Alvin L. Bragg (D) would result in "potential death and destruction." On Monday, facing a civil suit alleging business fraud, Trump urged people to "go after" Letitia James (D), the New York state attorney general who filed the suit.

The latest comment received only scattered attention.

Trump's intimations of violence have received relatively less press coverage because they have become so routine, said Brian Klaas, a political scientist at University College London. Klaas says this reflects "the banality of crazy" — a tendency for the news media to ignore or downplay statements once considered shocking but which now, due to repetition, are taken more for granted.

"Bombarded by a constant stream of deranged authoritarian extremism from a man who might soon return to the presidency, [journalists] have lost all sense of scale and perspective," Klaas wrote in the Atlantic last week, in a headline that felt both jarring and unsurprising: "Trump Floats the Idea of Executing Joint Chiefs Chairman Milley." Klaas continued: "But neither the American press nor the public can afford to be lulled. The man who, as president, incited a violent attack on the U.S. Capitol in order to overturn an election is again openly fomenting political violence while explicitly endorsing authoritarian strategies should he return to power."

In an interview with The Post, Klaas said Trump's long history of shocking commentary has created "a dangerous double standard" in news coverage: Trump's latest outrage draws less attention because it's typical or expected, but minor flaws in other candidates and officials receive disproportionate attention because they're novel.

Hence, Klaas said, the inordinate coverage last week of President Biden's dog biting a Secret Service agent.

Since leaving the White House more than 30 months ago, Trump has rarely been out of the news. But the media's focus has been on his reelection campaign and his cascading legal troubles, including 91 felony indictments — not so much on the escalating and alarming nature of his comments.

Trump recently described NBC and MSNBC's news coverage of him as "treason" and vowed to investigate its parent company, Comcast Corp., if he returns to office.

One network news manager pointed to a mundane reason that Trump's Anaheim speech was ignored by his network and others: It came during a week in which the dominant story was the potential government shutdown. A correspondent for this same network — both spoke on the condition of anonymity because neither was authorized to speak publicly — also said some of the nonresponse was a result of "not wanting to amplify dangerous comments" by Trump.

Spokesmen for ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN and Fox News either declined to comment for this story or did not respond to requests for comment.

Atlantic magazine editor Jeffrey Goldberg, whose recent story about Milley prompted Trump's ideation of Milley's execution, said he was surprised by the mild reaction to Trump's Truth Social post.

"I had expected every website and all the cable news shows to lead with a story about Trump demanding the execution of the highest military officer in the country," Goldberg says. "If Barack Obama or George W. Bush had done so, I'm sure [the news media] would have been all over it."

Goldberg adds: "It's our job to provide people with accurate information about the people running for president. If one of the leading candidates says he's in favor of shooting shoplifters, we have a responsibility to let readers and voters know about it."

Charlie Sykes, a writer and founder of the political-analysis website the Bulwark, was also flummoxed by the torpid press reaction to Trump's comments about shoplifters. "If the former president of the United States endorses extrajudicial killings of shoplifters, and we have to ask 'Is that newsworthy?' we need to reevaluate what we regard as important," he said.

It suggests, Sykes said, that the news media still hasn't figured out how to cover Trump, more than eight years after he announced he was running for president.

Since leaving the White House, Trump has openly floated a number of proposals that may exceed both federal authority or the Constitution itself. He has advocated using the military to fight street crime and deport undocumented people. He has also proposed forcibly removing homeless people from cities and sending them to encampments operated by the federal government.

And he has praised or defended authoritarian foreign leaders such as Russian President Vladimir Putin, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban.

News organizations need to take Trump's statements both "literally and seriously," says Susan Glasser, who has documented Trump's presidency as an author and correspondent for the New Yorker.

"No question that when the leading Republican candidate talks about 'DEATH' to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs, and to shoplifters, and offers a daily array of other threatening, bizarre, and constitutionally questionable statements, journalists need to cover it," she said by email, adding: "The last few years are littered with examples of unthinkable things that Trump actually pursued," including attempting to overturn the results of the election in 2020, which culminated in the violent sacking of the U.S. Capitol.

Regardless of the news media's response, Trump's menacing rhetoric registers among his loyal supporters. His comment about shooting suspected thieves last week was interrupted by loud applause.

"Trump! Trump! Trump!" the crowd chanted.

'Man of Two Faces' is an audacious self-reflection

BOOK WORLD FROM C1

grocery store, where, when Nguyen was 9, his parents were shot and injured during a Christmas Eve holdup, the aftermath of which he excised from memory. As a newly politically active ethnic-studies student at the University of California at Berkeley, he published an essay about what it was like to grow up in "White America." It landed him a spot in the writing workshop of the famed author Maxine Hong Kingston, but he writes that he slept through it every day. (Years later, she told him he had been the worst student in the class.) He earned a PhD in English, started teaching at the University of Southern California and wrote his first novel, "The Sympathizer," which won the Pulitzer in 2016.

The success of "The Sympathizer" transformed Nguyen into a "Professional Refugee" lauded for "giving voice to the previously voiceless," but in "A Man of Two Faces," he indicts the paucity of diversity and representation in politics, and advocates for abolishing the very conditions of voicelessness.

In his memoir, Nguyen writes that childhood left a "a sediment of confusion and emotion that requires decades … to sift through," and that it was through this process of sifting that he learned how to be a writer. He incorporates cultural criticism — one chapter details how watching "Apocalypse Now" was a turning point that made him question whether, if he had been in the movie, he would have been "the Americans killing? Or the Vietnamese being killed?" — with meditations on his roles as a parent, son and refugee, digging deeper into memory as the book progresses ("Can you go where it hurts?/ Can you cut to the bone?") as the "unexploded ordnance of the past, a mine buried in the mind," gradually comes into focus.

The stereoscopic structure of the personal and the cultural challenges us to reflect on how the formation of self involves stories told about us as well as those we tell ourselves. In Nguyen's case, this requires vigorous self-interrogation and self-inventory: "Are you, a refugee, the/ colonized or the/ colonizer?" It's not either-or.

In Vietnam, Nguyen's parents were among the 800,000 Roman Catholics transported from the country's north to its Central Highlands by the Americans and French, part of a CIA-encouraged effort to resettle a region where Indigenous Montagnard people already lived. And coming to the United States as refugees meant "becoming shareholders in the war machine, the/ ultimate condition of our citizenship." Writing about Tou Thao, the Hmong American police officer who was convicted of aiding and abetting manslaughter in the killing of George Floyd, Nguyen confesses, "Perhaps … you are more alike than you care to admit."

The subject matter is serious — war, colonization, Nguyen's mother's decades-long illness before her death in 2018 and his inability to recall particularly painful times when she was hospitalized — but there is a playfulness as well: changing font sizes; taking liberties with layout; writing with sardonic humor; sharing a list of one-star reviews of "The Sympathizer," which Nguyen calls a "Not So Great American Novel." Forsaking a traditional prose format for discrete paragraph-length chunks of text set apart with line breaks, Nguyen occasionally aligns alternating paragraphs left and right to mimic a dialogue between opposing voices, even anticipating potential criticism: "Get over it, snowflake, a reader mutters." (At other times, the stylistic choices make for a more awkward, choppy

HOPPER STONE, SMPSP

Viet Thanh Nguyen, author of "A Man of Two Faces."

tone: "Dis-placed. Dis place. Dysplace.") "You" is a stand-in for "I," providing necessary distance for a writer who confesses to avoiding feelings by hiding behind academic theory. "You, the reader, never the text."

"How do you separate yourself/ and your memories from History?" Nguyen asks. The answer is, you don't. His most emotionally powerful writing revolves around his parents, whose journey into old age was "epic and yet quotidian." Ba, a stern man whom Nguyen feared and respected, never discouraged him from becoming a scholar and writer. And while Má's illness and death will not count as one of war's casualties, "civilian stories can be war stories too." The memoir fully coheres in its final section, exemplifying its author's call for the importance of truth-telling, sharing both "private secrets" and "open secrets," an act that comes with risks — writers who fall outside the dominant culture are expected to show their grief but not explain why it exists. "Writing is the only way I know how to fight," Nguyen writes. "And writing is the only way I know how to grieve." Sharp and affecting, this book is both: a weapon, a lamentation.

Lisa Ko is the author of the forthcoming novel "Memory Piece" and "The Leavers," which was a national bestseller and a 2017 finalist for the National Book Award for fiction.

MOVIE DIRECTORY

Saturday, October 7, 2023

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AMC Georgetown 14
3111 K Street N.W.

Barbie (PG-13) CC: 7:40-10:20
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 11:45-4:15-6:30-8:45-11:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 3:05-8:20
The Royal Hotel (R) CC: 1:05-3:25-5:45-8:15-10:35
The Nun II (R) CC: 12:30-5:40-10:55
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 1:00-6:00-8:30-11:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 11:50-4:00-8:10
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:40-3:00-7:40-10:00
Dumb Money (R) CC: 1:00-3:30-6:00-8:30-11:00
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 11:30-2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10
Saw X (R) CC: 11:30-2:15-4:55-7:45-10:30
Strange Way of Life (R) CC: 2:10-6:25-10:30
She Came to Me (R) CC: 12:30-5:30
Stop Making Sense (PG) CC: 5:25
When Evil Lurks 3:00-10:55
Barbie (PG-13) OC: 2:45
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) OC: 2:00
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:15-7:15-7:55-10:15
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The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 12:30-3:10-5:50-8:30-11:10
Stop Making Sense (PG) OC: 12:30

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - DC Bryant Street
630 Rhode Island Ave NE

Donnie Darko (R) 9:30
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 1:30-3:15-6:00
Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street (R) 11:00AM
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:30-12:30-2:30-5:30-6:30
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Saw X (R) 12:45

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market
550 Penn Street NE - Unit E

Dumb Money (R) 2:20-4:45-7:20-9:40
Stop Making Sense (PG) 5:00
The Creator (PG-13) 1:20-4:10-7:00-9:15
Stop Making Sense (PG) 7:10-9:45

Avalon Theatre
5612 Connecticut Avenue

Scrapper 12:45-3:00-5:15-7:30
Dumb Money (R) 12:00-2:20-4:45-7:15

Landmark Atlantic Plumbing Cinema
807 V Street Northwest

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The Creator (PG-13) 1:10
Dumb Money (R) 1:20

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street Northwest

The Departed (R) 12:15
The Storms of Jeremy Thomas 3:00-6:15
The Royal Hotel (R) 12:15-2:25-7:00-9:15
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Fair Play (R) 12:15-2:45-7:15
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The Exorcist: Believer (R) 2:30

Regal Gallery Place
701 Seventh Street Northwest

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MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road

Flora and Son (R) 3:00-6:50
Dumb Money (R) OC: 2:15
Upon Entry 9:20
Dumb Money (R) 8:45
Strange Way of Life (R) 12:00-1:30-4:30-6:00
Hummingbirds 1:00
El Conde (R) 7:00
Stop Making Sense (1999) (NR) 12:15-5:00-7:30

AMC Academy 8
6198 Greenbelt Road

Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 10:40-11:40-1:00-2:00-3:15-4:15-5:30-6:45-9:15
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AMC Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Annapolis Mall Road

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The Blind (PG-13) 10:05-1:00

AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd.

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AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway

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Strange Way of Life (R) CC: 12:00-1:00
The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 12:20
Stop Making Sense (PG) CC: 1:35
When Evil Lurks 6:20-9:10
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 4:00-6:45-9:45
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9811 Washingtonian Center

Barbie (PG-13) CC: 2:40-5:25
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 10:30-11:15-12:50-1:45-2:45-3:15-4:15-5:45-6:45-9:15
Expend4bles (R) CC: 10:30-1:05-3:40-8:10-11:20
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 11:45-11:30
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 11:30-12:45-4:00-7:15-10:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 8:10-11:15
The Nun II (R) CC: 12:00-2:45-5:30-8:15-11:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 11:30-2:15-5:00-7:45-10:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 11:00-1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00
Dumb Money (R) CC: 11:15-1:50-4:30-7:15-10:15
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
Strange Way of Life (R) CC: 1:45-6:15-8:15
The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 1:15
The Lion King (1994) Disney100 (G) 11:10-3:50
Stop Making Sense (PG) CC: 10:15
When Evil Lurks 10:30-10:45
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 10:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) CC: 11:15-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Moscow Mission 8:30
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 11:30-1:00-2:30-4:00-5:30-7:00-8:30-10:00-11:30
Saw X (R) CC: 11:00-2:00-5:00-6:15-8:00-9:15-11:00

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 2:30-5:00
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 1:00-1:45-3:20-4:10-5:40-6:30-8:00-9:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:15
Expend4bles (R) CC: 2:15-7:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:45-4:30-7:15-10:00
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:15-7:20-10:25
The Nun II (R) CC: 7:00-9:45
It Lives Inside (PG-13) CC: 10:20
Dumb Money (R) CC: 1:20-4:00-6:35-9:15
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 1:15-4:00-6:45-9:30
The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 1:30
Saw X (R) CC: 1:15-4:15-7:10-10:00
On Fire (PG-13) CC: 7:40-9:50
When Evil Lurks 4:50-10:10
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 4:45-7:30-10:15
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) CC: 1:40-4:10-6:40-9:10
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 4:15

AMC Montgomery 16
7101 Democracy Boulevard

Barbie (PG-13) CC: 4:15-7:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 10:45-1:15-6:30
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 10:15-11:30-12:45-2:00-4:30-5:45-7:00-9:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 4:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 6:30-10:00
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 10:00-11:45-1:30-3:15-5:00-6:45-8:30-10:15
The Nun II (R) CC: 12:15-5:30-10:45
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 10:30-1:15-4:00-6:45-9:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 10:45-7:30
It Lives Inside (PG-13) CC: 11:00
Dumb Money (R) CC: 11:15-2:00-4:45-7:35-10:30
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 10:15-11:30-1:00-2:30-4:15-5:30-7:15-8:30-10:15
Saw X (R) CC: 10:00-1:00-4:00-7:00-10:05
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) CC: 11:05-12:30-3:05-7:05-9:15
She Came to Me (R) CC: 3:45-8:15
Chang An (Chang'an san wan li) 11:40-3:00-9:00
Stop Making Sense (PG) CC: 10:05-11:00
When Evil Lurks 3:00-8:15
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) CC: 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
Moscow Mission 1:10-10:30
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) OC: 3:15

AMC St. Charles Town Ctr 9
11115 Mall Circle

Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 11:30-2:00-4:30-7:00
Expend4bles (R) CC: 11:00-1:30-4:00-5:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 12:45-3:30-6:15-9:00
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 11:30-2:30-6:45-9:45
The Nun II (R) CC: 9:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 10:30-1:00-3:45-6:30
Dumb Money (R) CC: 11:45-2:30-5:10-7:45-10:15
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 10:45-1:30-4:15-7:15-8:30-10:00
Saw X (R) CC: 9:30
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The Nun II (R) 11:15-2:00-4:45-7:30
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 10:15
Saw X (R) 3:00-6:00-8:45

Cinemark Egyptian 24 and XD
7000 Arundel Mills Circle

Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 10:00-10:30-11:10-11:30-1:10-1:50-2:20-3:50-4:30-6:30-7:10-9:10
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 10:20-1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20; 10:00-1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00; 10:40-11:00-12:20-1:40-2:00-3:20-4:40-5:00-6:20-7:40-8:00-10:40-11:00; 10:20-1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20; 6:40-9:40
Saw X (R) 10:10-10:25-1:10-1:30-4:10-4:30-4:50-7:10-7:30-7:50-10:10-10:30-10:50
Live Gaming (NR) 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) 12:55
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 10:05-3:45-9:45
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) XD: 10:20-12:50-3:20
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 10:25-1:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 4:05-6:50-9:50
It Lives Inside (PG-13) 10:15-3:55-10:20
Dumb Money (R) 10:35-1:20
The Exorcist: Believer (R) XD: 10:00-1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
She Came to Me (R) 11:15-1:55-4:35-7:25-10:05
The Lion King (1994) Disney100 (G) 10:40-1:05-3:35-4:35
Chang An (Chang'an san wan li) 10:35
When Evil Lurks 10:45-1:45-4:25-7:15-9:55
A Very Good Girl 12:45-6:45
Mission Raniganj 9:40
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 11:30-2:05-4:40-7:15-10:00
Rules Ranjann 7:00
MAD (Telugu) 6:00-9:30
Moscow Mission 9:20
Expend4bles (R) 11:55-2:35-5:15-7:55-10:35
The Creator (PG-13) 10:15-12:35-1:25-3:55-4:35-7:05-7:45-10:15-10:55
The Nun II (R) 11:05-1:55-4:45-7:35-10:25
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 10:55-1:35-4:15-6:55-9:35

Cinépolis Gaithersburg
629 Center Point Way

Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:20-12:00-3:00-5:40-8:40
Expend4bles (R) 1:40-4:40-7:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:40-3:40-7:00-10:20
The Creator (PG-13) 11:00-2:40-6:00-9:20-11:30
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Saw X (R) 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:40

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue

Barbie (PG-13) 1:15-7:45-10:00
Oppenheimer (R) 1:00-4:00-6:45
The Royal Hotel (R) 2:15-4:50-7:20-9:30
The Creator (PG-13) 1:30-4:15-7:00-9:45
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 2:00-5:00-7:30-9:50
Dumb Money (R) 1:45-4:30-7:15-9:45
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 1:45-4:30-7:30-10:00
Stop Making Sense (PG) 4:40
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 1:50-4:05-6:15-9:00

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1

The Departed (R) 1:15
Barbie (PG-13) 1:35-4:25-7:15
Oppenheimer (R) 1:00-6:55
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 12:45-3:00-4:20-5:10-7:25
The Creator (PG-13) 1:20-4:10-7:10
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 1:30-4:20-7:20
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 1:10-7:00
Dumb Money (R) 1:50-4:30-7:05
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 2:00-4:45-6:45-7:30
Stop Making Sense (PG) 4:40

Old Greenbelt Theatre
129 Centerway

The Royal Hotel (R) 5:00-7:30
Dumb Money (R) 5:15-7:45

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue

Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:00-1:30-4:30-7:00-9:20
Expend4bles (R) 12:45-4:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:40-10:25
The Creator (PG-13) 12:00-3:00-6:00-9:00
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 11:30-2:15-5:00-7:00-7:45-10:00-10:30
Saw X (R) 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive

Barbie (PG-13) 9:50
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:00-11:40-1:35-4:15-5:10-7:10
Expend4bles (R) 7:50-10:35
The Equalizer 3 (R) 9:40
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The Lion King (1994) Disney100 (G) 11:35-2:05-4:35-7:05-9:30
Chang An (Chang'an san wan li) 1:40-5:20-9:10
Shelter in Solitude 11:20-1:55-4:40-7:20-10:05
Stop Making Sense (PG) 9:45
When Evil Lurks 11:05-1:50-4:30-7:15-10:15
Thank You For Coming (Hindi) 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:55
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 4:05-7:00-10:00
Mission Raniganj 12:20-3:25-6:30-9:35
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 12:30-3:20-6:10-9:15
Moscow Mission 12:00-3:15-6:40
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) OC: 2:30

Regal Germantown
20000 Century Boulevard

Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:50-1:10-2:20-4:50-6:40-7:40-9:10-10:10
Expend4bles (R) 9:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:25-2:10-5:00-8:10-10:55
Jawan (Hindi) 12:30-4:30-8:40
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Thank You For Coming (Hindi) 1:00-4:20-7:50-10:45
Mission Raniganj 1:30-5:10-8:20
Rules Ranjann 12:50-5:20-9:00
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) OC: 3:40

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Blvd.

Barbie (PG-13) 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:50
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:55-12:45-1:50-2:40-4:30-5:15-6:10-7:10-7:50-9:55-10:35
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Saw X (R) 11:50-12:50-2:45-3:50-5:40-7:00-8:40-10:00
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) OC: 3:30

Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue

Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:10-12:40-3:10-6:00-8:40
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 1:50-7:45
Expend4bles (R) 4:50-10:40
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Saw X (R) 12:50-4:00-7:00-10:20
When Evil Lurks 11:30-2:20-5:20-8:00-10:45
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00

Regal Rockville Center
199 East Montgomery Avenue

Oppenheimer (R) 11:20AM
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:30AM; 2:40-5:10-7:50-10:30
The Creator (PG-13) 12:30-3:40-6:50-10:10
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 12:40-3:20-6:00-8:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:20
Dumb Money (R) 12:00
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 1:20-2:30-4:10-5:40-7:00-8:30-9:50
Saw X (R) 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:50
She Came to Me (R) 11:50-2:20-5:20-8:10-11:00
Creation of the Gods I: Kingdom of Storms 3:50-7:10-10:40
Chang An (Chang'an san wan li) 1:10-5:00-8:50
When Evil Lurks 5:30-8:00-10:45
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 11:40-2:10-4:50-7:30-10:20

Regal Waugh Chapel & IMAX
1419 South Main Chapel Way

Barbie (PG-13) 12:30
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:40-1:20-2:30-4:00-5:20-5:40-6:30-8:50
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The Nun II (R) 3:40-9:10
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 11:50-3:10
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 11:20-12:20-1:00-2:20-3:20-4:40-6:20-7:50-8:40-9:20-9:50-10:40
Saw X (R) 12:10-3:50-7:10-10:10
The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 12:50
When Evil Lurks 6:40-10:00
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 4:10-7:20-10:20
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:30

Regal Westview & IMAX
5243 Buckeystown Pike

Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:40-12:50-2:10-3:10-6:30-9:10
The Creator (PG-13) 12:40-2:00-5:20-7:30-8:30-10:40
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The Exorcist: Believer (R) 11:30-2:20-5:10-8:00-10:50
Saw X (R) 1:10-4:40-7:45-11:00
The Blind (PG-13) 11:25-4:10-7:00-9:40
The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 12:10-6:15
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 3:20-9:30
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) OC: 4:50
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 12:20-1:30-3:50-4:20-6:00-7:15-8:50-10:00

Xscape Theatres Brandywine 14
7710 Matapeake Business Drive

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 11:25-1:45
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 10:50-11:30-12:10-1:10-1:50-2:30-3:40-5:00-6:00-8:20
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The Nun II (R) 11:15-2:05-4:35-7:25-10:05
Dumb Money (R) 4:35-7:05-9:55
Maama Mascheendra 11:35-6:15
Saw X (R) 10:30-11:10-1:20-2:10-4:10-4:50-6:50-7:30-8:10-9:40-10:20
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 10:00-11:20-12:05-12:40-2:00-2:40-3:20-4:40-5:20-6:30-7:20-8:00-9:10-10:00-10:40
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) 11:45-2:25-4:45-7:15-9:35
Month of Madhu 2:55-9:25

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11830 Grand Park Avenue

Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) (!) 11:00-12:00-3:00-6:00-9:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 4:30-7:30-10:30
The Creator (PG-13) (!) 11:45-3:30-6:30-10:00
The Nun II (R) 1:00-4:15-7:45-11:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 12:15-3:15-6:15-9:15
Dumb Money (R) 1:45
Saw X (R) (!) 11:30-2:45-7:15-10:45
The Exorcist: Believer (R) (!) 11:15-12:30-2:30-3:45-6:15-7:00-9:30-10:15

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AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd.

Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 12:05-12:45-3:00-5:20-7:40
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:10-7:10-10:15
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 12:40-3:20-7:50-10:20
Dumb Money (R) CC: 12:20-4:45-7:20-10:50
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 12:10-1:50-4:40-6:40-7:30-9:30-10:15
Saw X (R) CC: 2:20-5:10-8:00-10:00-10:50
Strange Way of Life (R) CC: 12:00-2:55-5:00-6:00
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) CC: 1:10-2:50-7:00-9:55

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd.

The Creator (PG-13) CC: 12:45-4:00-7:15-10:30
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 1:15-6:45-9:30; 4:00; 10:45; 2:30-8:00-9:45
Saw X (R) CC: 1:30-4:30-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:30
The Kill Room (R) OC: 6:15
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 12:30-3:30
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 11:00-11:30-12:00-1:30-2:30-4:00-5:00-7:30-10:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 11:30-2:15-5:00-7:45-10:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 11:45-2:30-5:15-8:00-10:45
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:15-6:00
Dumb Money (R) CC: 11:45-2:30-5:15-8:00-10:45
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 12:45-3:30-6:15-9:00
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) CC: 11:45-3:00
Strange Way of Life (R) CC: 12:00-2:00-4:00-6:00-8:00-10:00
The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 11:45AM
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) CC: 6:30-9:45
She Came to Me (R) CC: 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:15-10:00
The Kill Room (R) CC: 8:45
Creation of the Gods I: Kingdom of Storms 12:45-8:45
Chang An (Chang'an san wan li) 12:15-7:00
Stop Making Sense (PG) CC: 3:30
The Ex-Files 4: Marriage Plan 2:45-8:30
When Evil Lurks 4:15-7:00
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 4:15-7:15-10:00
Dr. Cheon and the Lost Talisman 12:45-6:00-10:30
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) CC: 11:10-1:45-4:30-7:00-9:30
Moscow Mission 4:00-10:30
Expend4bles (R) 11:45-5:15

AMC Potomac Mills 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle

Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:00-3:50
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 12:15-2:50-5:30-8:00-10:30
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 12:10-1:15-2:30-3:45-4:50-7:10-9:30
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Stop Making Sense (PG) CC: 5:00
When Evil Lurks 8:00-10:30
Hocus Pocus 30th Anniversary (PG) CC: 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 12:00-3:00-6:00-7:30-9:00-10:25
Saw X (R) OC: 1:45
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 2:00

AMC Shirlington 7
2772 South Randolph St.

Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 12:15-1:20-3:40-6:00-8:20-10:40
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 12:50-4:00-7:10-10:15
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AMC Worldgate 9
13025 Worldgate Drive

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Mission Raniganj 3:05-6:05

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - One Loudoun
20575 East Hampton Plaza

Donnie Darko (R) 9:30
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Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street (R) 11:30AM
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Angelika Film Center Mosaic
2911 District Ave

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1600 Village Market Boulevard

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Cinema Arts Theatre
9650 Unit 14 Main St.

The Royal Hotel (R) 9:40-12:05-2:35-7:40-10:00
My Sailor, My Love 9:55-2:45-4:55-7:15-9:20
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 10:00-12:20-2:40-7:20-9:30
Golda (PG-13) 12:15-2:20-9:00
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She Came to Me (R) 9:45-12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-9:35
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Cinemark Centreville 12
6201 Multiplex Drive

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Cinemark Fairfax Corner and XD
11900 Palace Way

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The Exorcist: Believer (R) 2:45
Saw X (R) 4:20

Medal of Honor Theater - NMMC
18900 Jefferson Davis Highway

We, the Marines (NR) 9:30-10:30-11:30-1:00-2:00-3:00-4:00

Regal Ballston Quarter
671 North Glebe Road

Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:10-12:40-1:40-4:10-6:40-9:20
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Regal Dulles Town Center
21100 Dulles Town Circle

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Regal Fairfax Towne Center
4110 West Ox Road

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The Creator (PG-13) 12:00-3:10-6:20-9:30
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Saw X (R) 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Agent Zero 3:40-6:50-9:50
Dr. Cheon and the Lost Talisman 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) OC: 3:50

Regal Fox & IMAX
22875 Brambleton Plaza

Skanda - The Attacker (Telugu) 2:35
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:20-2:00-4:40-7:15
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Regal Kingstowne & RPX
5910 Kingstowne Towne Center

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Regal Manassas & IMAX
11380 Bulloch Drive

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Regal Springfield Town Center
6859 Springfield Mall

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Regal Virginia Gateway & RPX
8001 Gateway Promenade Place

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Smithsonian - Airbus IMAX Theater
14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway

Journey to Space (NR) 10:20-1:05-3:50-5:00
Aircraft Carrier: Guardian of the Seas 12:25-4:25
To Fly! (1976) (NR) 10:55-1:45-3:15
Blue Planet (Il pianeta azzurro) (NR) 11:30AM
The Dream is Alive (NR) 2:25

University Mall Theatres
10659-A Braddock Road

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) 11:55
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 4:40
The Creator (PG-13) 4:00
Dumb Money (R) 4:50
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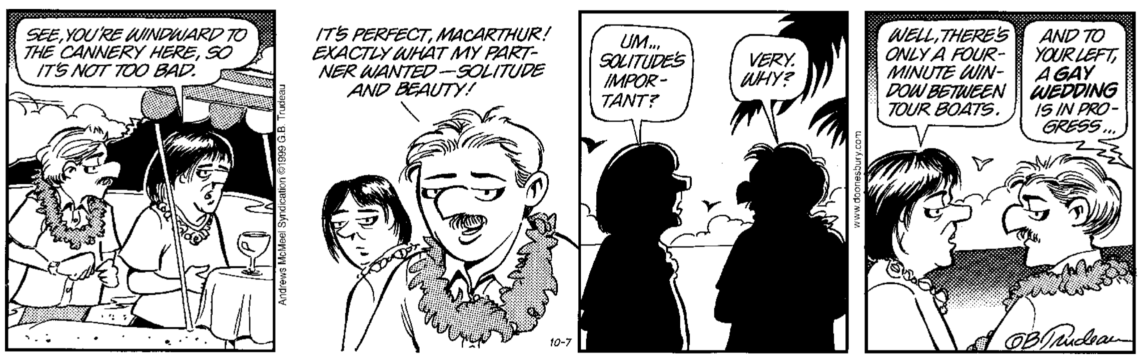

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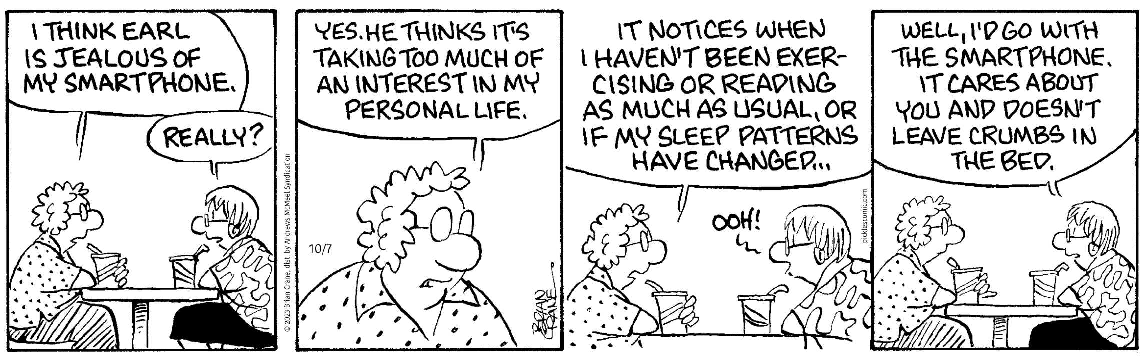

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N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ A K J 5 4
♥ 9 2
♦ K Q 2
♣ Q 9 4

WEST
♠ 10 7
♥ J 10 6 3
♦ 10 5 4 3
♣ 8 7 6

EAST
♠ Q 8 3
♥ K Q 8 7
♦ J 9 8
♣ 10 3 2

SOUTH (D)
♠ 9 6 2
♥ A 5 4
♦ A 7 6
♣ A K J 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♥ J

"Simple Saturday" columns focus on basic technique and logical thinking.

Combine two hydrogen buffaloes with one oxygen buffalo, and it's clear what you get: one water buffalo. But the technique of combining chances as declarer eludes some players.

Against today's six spades (reached with a "transfer" bidding sequence), West leads the jack of hearts, threatening declarer with a heart loser. If he wins and leads a trump to finesse with dummy's jack, East wins and cashes a heart.

The finesse is South's best percentage play in the trump suit, but his best chance to make the slam is to combine chances: He takes the A-K of trumps. If the queen fell, South would be home (with an overtrick).

When instead East-West play low, South is still alive. He runs the clubs. When East, with the high queen of trumps, must follow to three rounds, dummy's heart goes away on the fourth round, and South loses one trump trick. In this and many deals, two chances are better than one.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ Q 8 3 ♥ K Q 8 7
♦ J 9 8 ♣ 10 3 2

Your partner opens one club, you respond one heart and he jumps to 2NT. What do you say?

ANSWER: Get out your abacus; this is a simple problem in addition. Partner has about 19 points with balanced distribution. (He could have 18 or 20 points, depending on how your partnership treats 1NT and 2NT opening bids.) Since you have 8 points, and your distribution is also balanced, raise to 3NT.

— Frank Stewart

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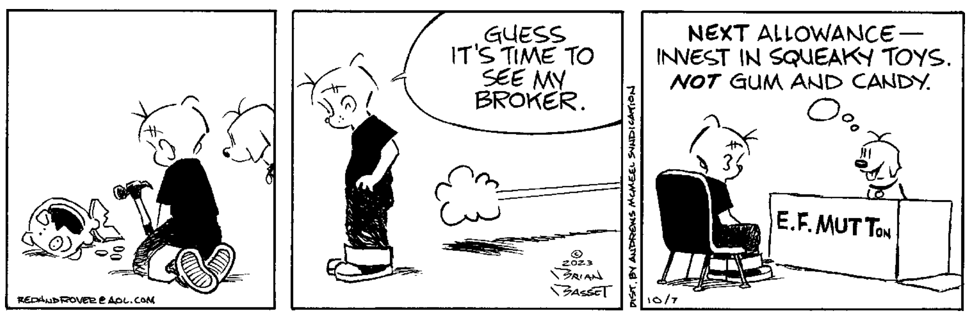

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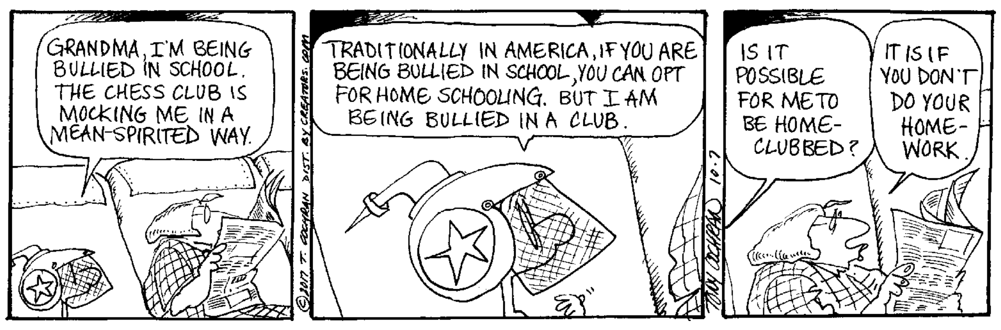

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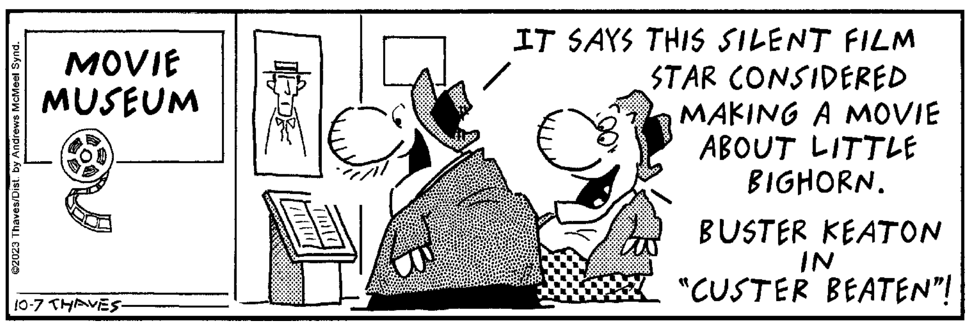

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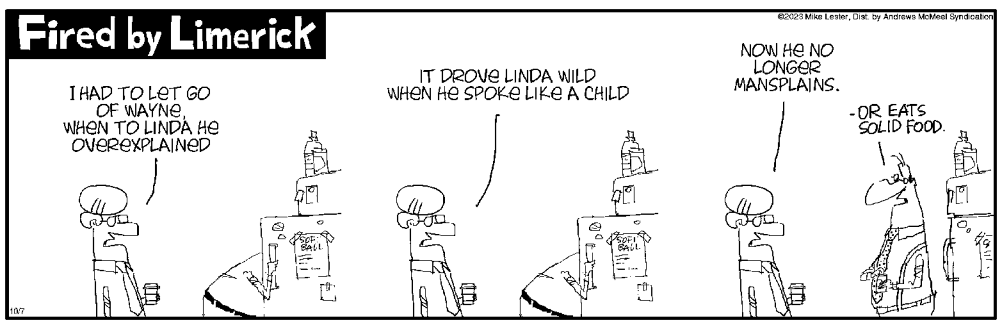

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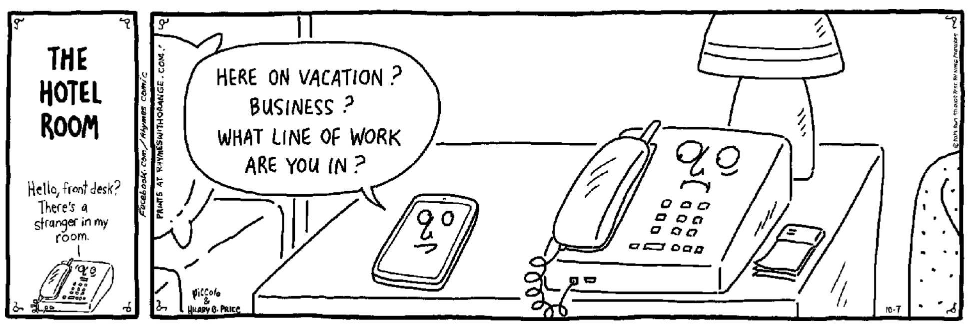

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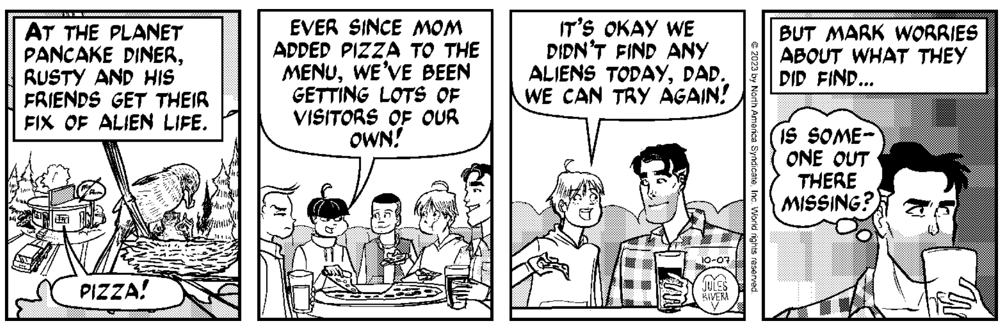

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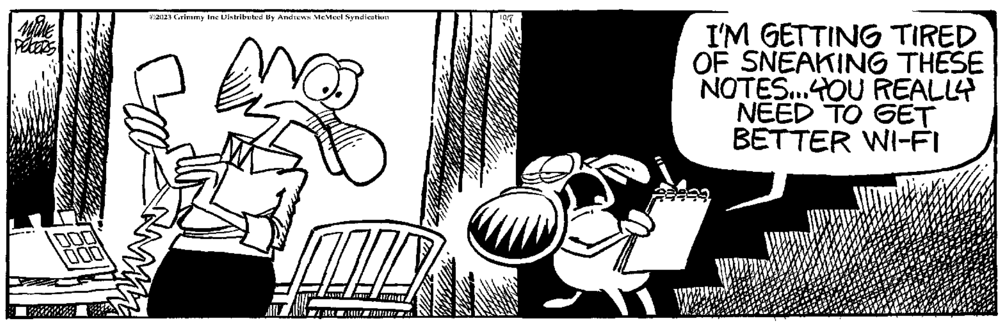

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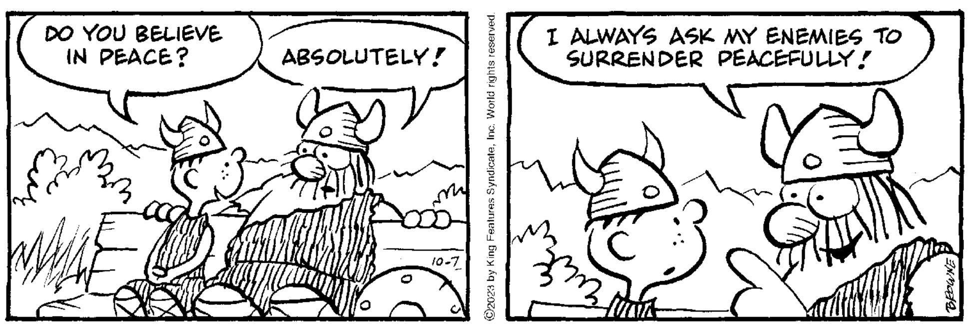

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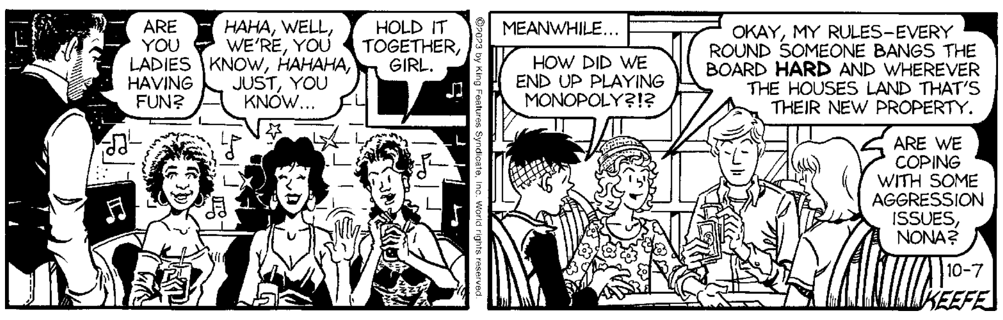

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A1 E1 I1 G2 R1 C3 T1 — RACK 1

A1 E1 I1 O1 L1 K5 D2 — RACK 2

A1 E1 E1 I1 N1 X8 M3 — 2nd Letter Triple — RACK 3

A1 A1 E1 L1 T1 P3 P3 — Double Word Score — RACK 4

PAR SCORE 155-165
BEST SCORE 225

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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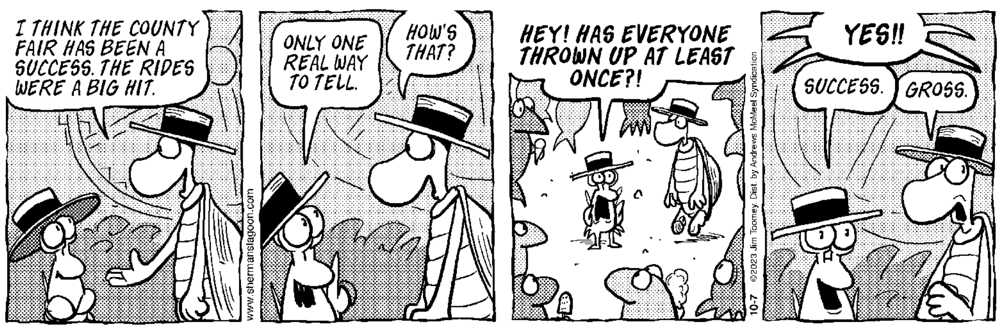

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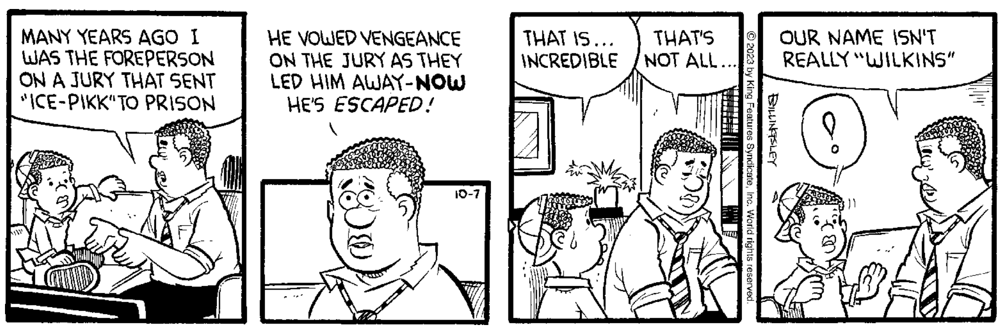

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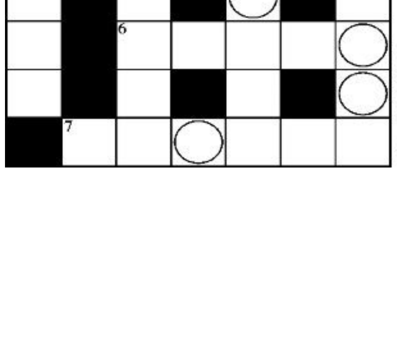

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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Mourn, bemoan	LTMEAN
5. Smoke ____	MRAAL
6. Agitated	PTUES
7. Justification	SAOENR

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Responsible	ALLBEI
2. Portion, scope	SRUAEEM
3. Bane	EISNMES
4. Make secure	SNTEFA

How to play
Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

DOUBLE BONUS The circled letters can be unscrambled to form two different BONUS answers.

CLUE: Plant-eating aquatic mammal ○○○○○○○

CLUE: Give out, send forth ○○○○○○○

ANSWERS: 1A-Lament 5A-Alarm 6A-Upset 7A-Reason 1D-Liable 2D-Measure 3D-Nemesis 4D-Fasten B-Manatee B-Emanate

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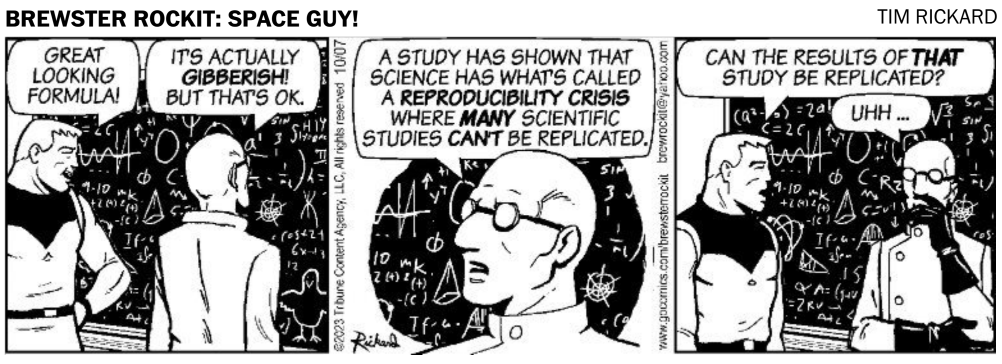

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ZITS
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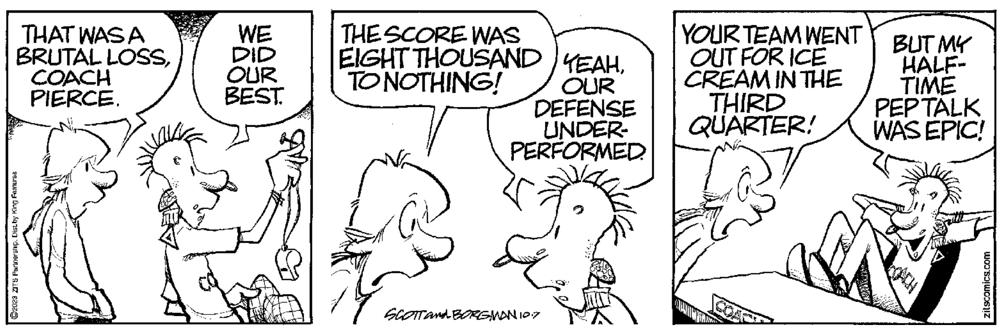

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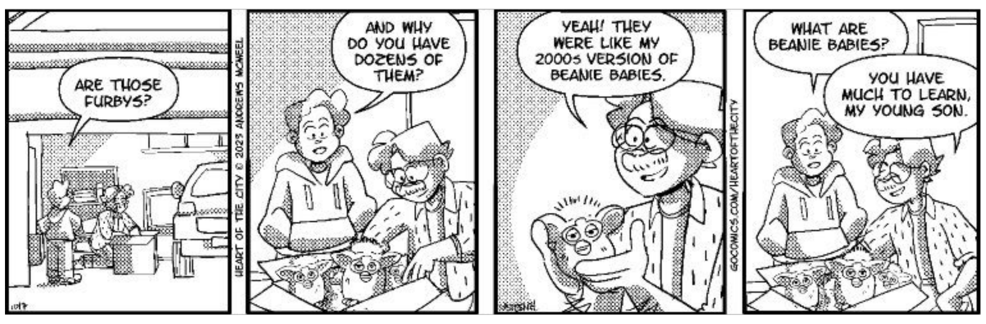

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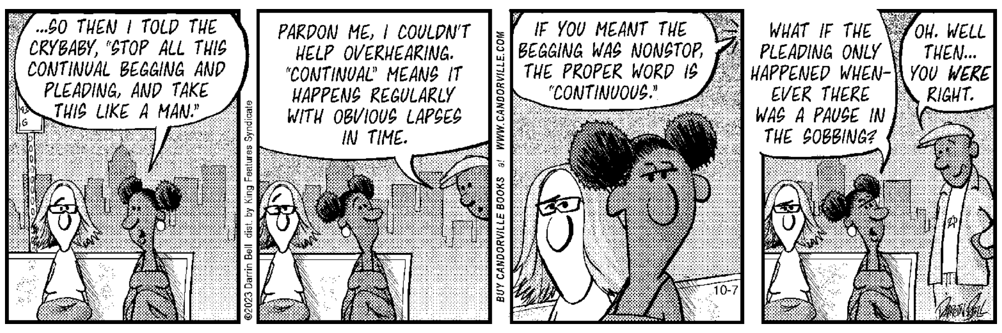

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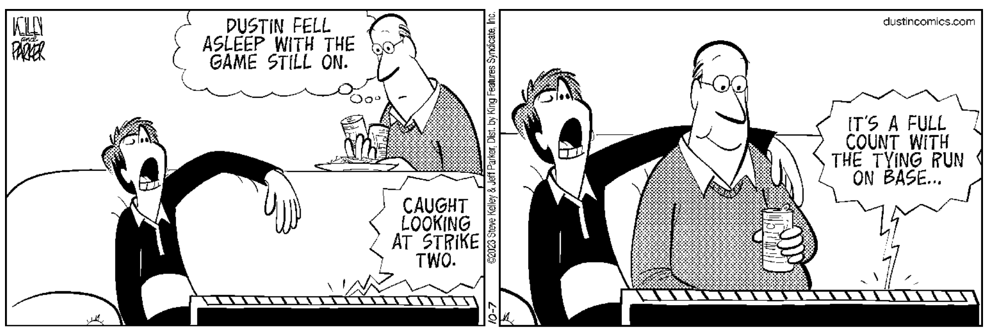
DUSTIN
STEVE KELLEY & JEFF PARKER



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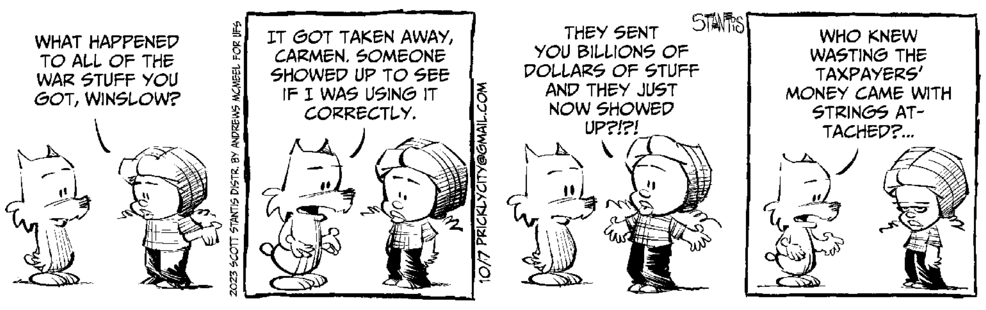
STAN LEE & ALEX SAVIUK

PRICKLY CITY
SCOTT STANTIS



LOOSE PARTS
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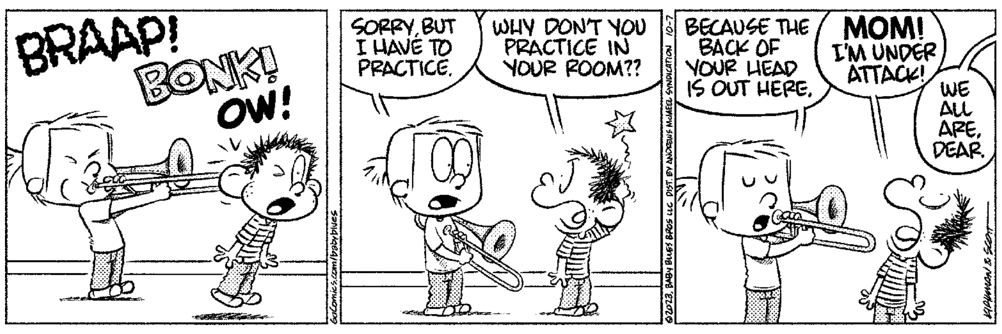
NON SEQUITUR
WILEY

BABY BLUES
RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT



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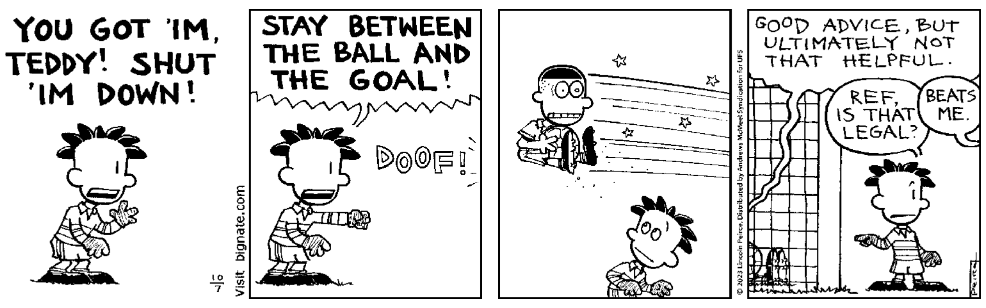

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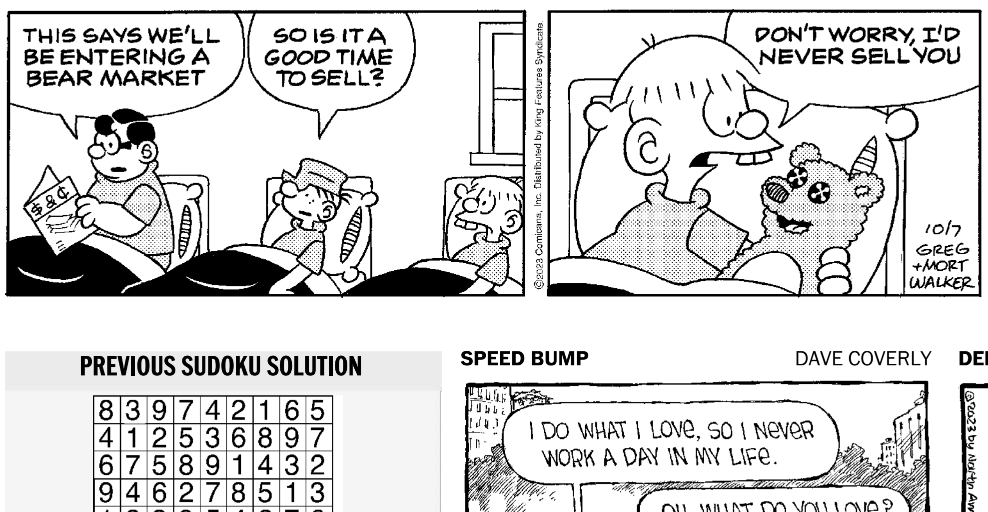
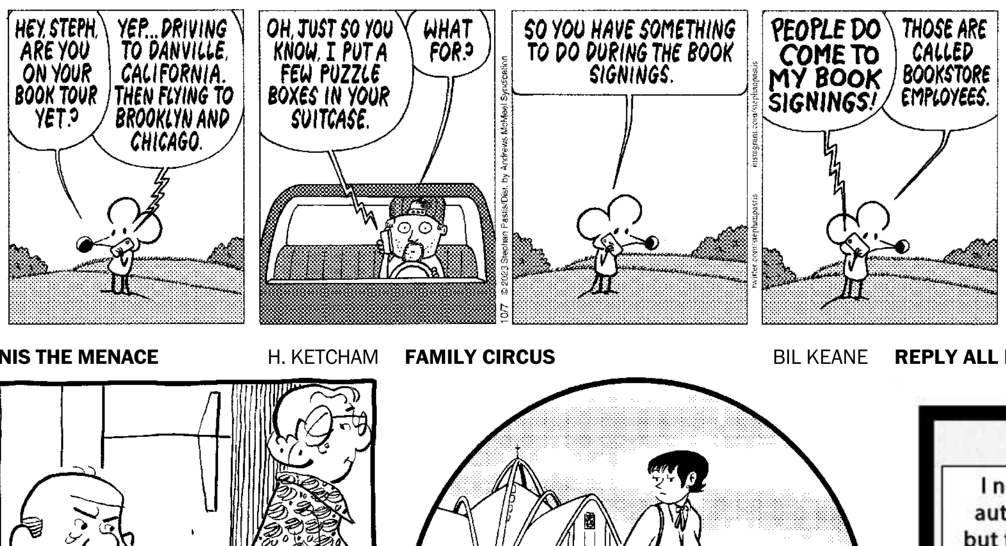


PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
STEPHAN PASTIS



HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | OCTOBER 7

You have strong opinions. You mean what you say and you say what you mean. This year is a time of service for you, especially if you can help a family member. Take care of yourself so you can be a resource to others. Is it time for a makeover?

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. today. After that, the Moon moves from Cancer into Leo.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
Tread carefully today, especially when dealing with family members, partners and spouses. Tempers will be short. If a conversation starts to get out of hand, move on and go somewhere else. Don't take the bait. It's not worth it.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
This is the classic day for bickering and quarrels with daily contacts, siblings and relatives. You also might have some power struggles with work colleagues or someone who could be related to a health issue you have, or even your pet. Stay chill.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
Quarrels about money, possessions and the cost of a social occasion or how to divide the expenses for an event might arise. Likewise, power struggles about kids or the cost of kids or who has responsibility for what might also take place.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with Mars and Pluto. This means people are looking for a fight. It also means that even an innocent conversation can suddenly fall apart because someone is trying to prove a point or be right.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
It's a good thing that fair Venus is in your sign, because Venus will sweeten your words and make you diplomatic and charming, which is what you need to be today when arguments are taking place all around you.

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
Money squabbles with friends or a group might take place today, especially about sports events or something to do with kids, a social occasion, or the entertainment world or the hospitality industry.

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
By nature, you are the peacemaker. You like everyone to get along. Nevertheless, today you might find yourself in a power struggle with a parent, boss or an authority figure.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
Steer clear of controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues. They will quickly disintegrate into a nasty argument. Tell yourself not to get involved, because it's not worth the headache.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
You might experience arguments about shared responsibilities, shared property, debt or how to spend a certain amount of money, especially if it's related to a group of people or some friends.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
This is a dicey day to deal with authority figures – bosses, parents, teachers and the police. Right off the bat, you might find yourself in trouble. Ironically, you might be the authority figure having trouble with a partner or close friend.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
You are independent, even rebellious. You start petitions to save the world before bedtime. This is why you might get involved in an argument today about lofty topics or world events. It also might be related to your work.

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
There's a lot of charged energy in the air today, which is why people are quick to fight and quarrel. Today you might find yourself at odds with someone about shared expenses, the shared cost of raising kids or a specific amount related to a club or an organization.

— Georgia Nicols

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PREVIOUS SUDOKU SOLUTION

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PREVIOUS SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

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A1	B3	Y4	S1	M3	A1	L1	RACK 3 =	68
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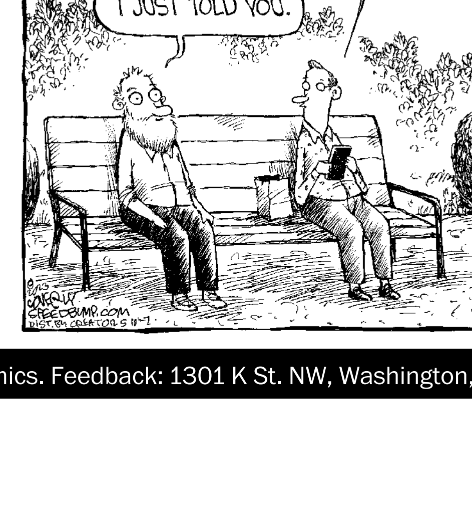
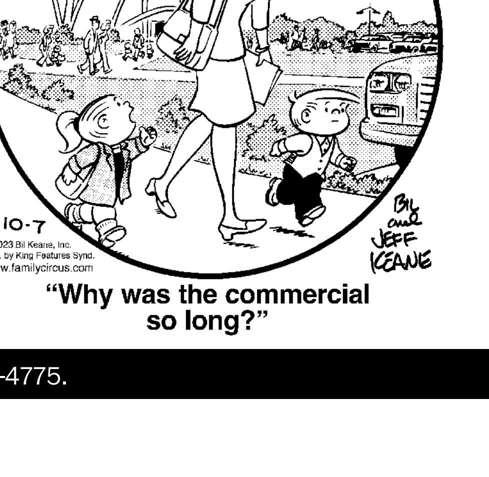


DENNIS THE MENACE
H. KETCHAM

"I CAME OVER WHEN I HEARD YOU WERE BACK ON THAT STRICT DIET."

FAMILY CIRCUS
BIL KEANE



"Why was the commercial so long?"

REPLY ALL LITE
DONNA A. LEWIS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
The more things change, the more things remain the same in the Red River Rivalry of Texas and Oklahoma. **D2**

SOCCER
Amid uncertainly about his future as the coach in D.C., Wayne Rooney misses United's practice Friday. **D6**

SOCCER
The Spirit and OL Reign play to a scoreless draw in the final regular season home game for Megan Rapinoe. **D6**

NAOMI BAKER/GETTY IMAGES
Simone Biles won the world all-around gold medal Friday in the same arena where she won her first and now has 34 world or Olympic medals, the most in history.

All-around untouchable

10 years after her first world title, Biles wins her sixth and becomes most decorated gymnast ever

BY EMILY GIAMBALVO

ANTWERP, BELGIUM — A decade ago, Simone Biles performed here and transformed the women's all-around competition into a showcase of her boundless power and potential. She was a newcomer — a 16-year-old with braces — and she had never stood on the podium at a global event. That gold medal night at the world gymnastics championships was the beginning of an illustrious run unlike any other in the sport's history.

So it's fitting that in her return to the world championships at the Sportpaleis in Antwerp, Biles became the most decorated gymnast, male or female, of all time. Her victory Friday in the all-around final — by a significant margin that reinforced her superiority — gave Biles her 34th world or Olympic medal. She surpassed the record of Vitaly Scherbo, who represented the Soviet Union, the Unified Russian team and Belarus in the 1990s. Biles can add to her medal count this weekend in the apparatus finals — and in a year, she could extend the record further in Paris at her third Olympics.

This triumph — and the way she clinched the gold with such a commanding performance in the spotlight — is a critical step forward toward Paris and away from Tokyo, where her Olympics two years ago were derailed by a disorienting mental block and unbearable pressure.

As Biles stood on the podium during the national anthem and as she posed for photos, she kept wiping away tears. She insisted something has been in her eye all day, but she added: "I mean, I was emotional because 10 years ago, I won my first worlds, and now we're back here. . . . It means everything to me — the fight, everything that I've put in to get back to this place [and] feel comfortable and confident enough to compete."

Biles entered this final as the heavy favorite; her difficult routines give her an edge over the other top competitors. Her strong execution and ability to stay poised under pressure enhance her performances. When Biles avoids mistakes, she is unbeatable.

During Friday's all-around final, none of her peers could come close. Biles never faltered, and gold became the inevitable

SEE **BILES** ON **D4**

Prime-time debacle has Rivera on the hot seat

Barry Svrluga

Which time, when Chicago Bears wideout DJ Moore danced in the end zone, do you figure Josh Harris wondered, "Are the right people coaching my Washington Commanders?"

On the very first drive Thursday night, when quarterback Justin Fields first hit Moore on third down for 58 yards, then found him in the end zone on third and 14? Good choice.

But so is the 11-yard Moore reception that put the Bears — apologies, the *winless* Bears — up 17-0 before a minute of the second quarter had elapsed.

Oh, no, this is it: the 56-yard kick to the groin in the fourth quarter, the play on which Moore and the Bears gleefully salted away a 40-20 pounding of Harris's Commanders at FedEx Field, which emptied much more

SEE **SVRLUGA** ON **D5**

Commanders at Falcons
Oct. 15, 1 p.m., CBS

Henderson plays fast, learns fast

Rookie is part of what makes Orioles special

BY CHELSEA JANES

BALTIMORE — DL Hall can say this now, safely kicked back at his locker in the home clubhouse at Camden Yards, because he and Gunnar Henderson have made it. But back in 2020 — when the coronavirus pandemic forced the cancellation of the minor league season and MLB prospects scattered to work out at alternate sites — Henderson was an easy out.

"He was young. He was inexperienced," said Hall, who joined Henderson, catcher Adley Rutschman and a few other Orioles top prospects at the alternate site, where the organization decided to keep them active and challenge them against more experienced players. "And by the time we left the alt-site what, four months later? He was one of the

SEE **HENDERSON** ON **D4**

AL Division Series Game 1
Rangers at Orioles
Today, 1 p.m., Fox Sports 1

A century after his death, Trice's legacy still echoes

Kevin B. Blackistone

In a shoe box of sorts that an Iowa State archivist retrieved for me several years ago were two pieces of correspondence from 1923.

The initiating letter, dated Oct. 8, was from C.L. Brewer, who records show was then director of physical education at the University of Missouri in Columbia. His missive was addressed to S.W. Beyer at Iowa State, a key athletic official at the Ames campus who all but birthed its intercollegiate athletics program.

Brewer's letter read in part:

We understand from newspaper reports that you have a colored man playing with your football squad this Fall. I am quite sure, Professor Beyer, you know conditions here, and know it is impossible for a colored man to play or even appear on the field with any team.

This has been discussed in the Missouri Valley for a good many years and I know that you understand the tradition that a colored man cannot come here. This whole question is bigger than our athletics and there is no

SEE **BLACKISTONE** ON **D3**

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SATURDAY GAMES TO WATCH

Nationally

12 Oklahoma vs. 3 Texas
Noon, ABC

20 Kentucky at 1 Georgia
7 p.m., ESPN

10 Notre Dame at 25 Louisville
7:30 p.m., ABC

Locally

Maryland at 4 Ohio State
Noon, Fox

Virginia Tech at 5 Florida State
3:30 p.m., ABC

North Texas at Navy
3:30 p.m., CBS Sports Network

Terps seeking program-defining win vs. Ohio State

GAIL BURTON/ASSOCIATED PRESS
Taulia Tagovailoa and the Terrapins are unbeaten heading into their matchup with the No. 4 Buckeyes.

BY GENE WANG

Shortly after a lopsided victory last weekend, Maryland football coach Michael Locksley spoke glowingly about his players' preparation. Not only was he happy about their mastery of the tactical blueprint, he also was pleased they kept the following week's opponent out of the conversation — and avoided distraction — despite the magnitude of a game against No. 4 Ohio State.

The Terrapins instead devoted all of their attention to Indiana, a potential trap scenario that never unfolded when the outcome, thanks to crisp execution in the first quarter, became all but certain by halftime on the way to a 44-17 win that kept Maryland undefeated heading into one of its most meaningful games in years.

"Not one person [last week] said a word about who we're playing this week," Locksley said. "Ohio State didn't come up one time, and to me that shows the maturity, I think, of this team. This was a great opportunity to

SEE **MARYLAND** ON **D3**

DIGEST

SOCCER

Inter Miami indicates Messi is set to return

Lionel Messi's absence from Inter Miami's lineup may be over.

The team used social media Friday to post "Nos vemos mañana" — translation, "See you tomorrow" — with a photo of the seven-time Ballon d'Or winner. Inter Miami hosts Cincinnati on Saturday night.

The team did not elaborate. Messi trained with the team Friday.

The 36-year-old Messi has missed five of Inter Miami's past six matches, plus another for Argentina in that span because of what was first called fatigue and later was determined to be a hamstring injury. He has not played since making a 37-minute appearance against Toronto on Sept. 20, when the leg issue forced him out early. . . .

American defender **Joe Scally** scored a late goal with a long-range strike to salvage a 2-2 draw for Borussia Mönchengladbach against visiting Mainz in the German Bundesliga.

Gladbach was heading for yet another home loss after **Aymen Barkok** scored for the visitors, but Scally went past one defender and let fly with a fierce shot from distance that sent the ball inside the far post in the 88th. . . .

Bayern Munich has opted not to bring back former Germany defender **Jérôme Boateng**, with the Bavarian powerhouse saying its other injury worries in the squad had eased.

The 35-year-old Boateng had been training with the team this week, and sporting director **Christoph Freund** said Tuesday it would be a "nice story" if he re-signed for the club where he twice won a Champions League, Bundesliga and German Cup treble (in 2013 and 2020). He won nine Bundesliga titles with the club. . . .

Paul Pogba's backup "B" sample also tested positive for testosterone, meaning the Juventus midfielder now faces a doping investigation.

The exams were carried out by Nado Italia, Italy's anti-doping agency, which suspended Pogba provisionally nearly a month ago following a positive test carried out after Juventus's game at Udinese on Aug. 20. Pogba did not play in the Italian Serie A match but was on his team's bench.

Pogba remains suspended provisionally and risks a ban of up to four years. . . .

Lecce and visiting Sassuolo drew, 1-1, in Serie A, with **Domenico Berardi** and **Nikola Krstovic** trading goals.

Berardi converted a penalty for Sassuolo midway through the first half, and Krstovic equalized after the break by slotting in a loose ball inside the area following a corner.

TENNIS

Elena Rybakina advanced to her eighth semifinal of the year by beating top-ranked **Aryna Sabalenka**, 7-5, 6-2, at the China Open in Beijing.

In their third meeting of the year, after splitting the two finals they have contested this season, the fifth-seeded Rybakina was dominant on serve, hitting 12 aces, and never faced a break point.

"I played really well today," Rybakina said. "I served really well, so I'm really happy with my performance today. It's always tough battles against Aryna, and I really enjoy playing against her."

In the semifinals, Rybakina will face unseeded **Liudmila Samsonova**, who beat No. 13 seed **Jelena Ostapenko**, 6-3, 6-2.

Sabalenka had only four aces and eight double faults.

Second-seeded **Iga Swiatek** also advanced by defeating **Caroline Garcia**, 6-7 (10-8), 7-6 (7-5), 6-1.

AUTO RACING

Max Verstappen underlined why he's on the verge of a third consecutive Formula One title as he qualified on the pole for the Qatar Grand Prix. He can clinch the title in Saturday's sprint race in Losail.

Verstappen set a commanding time early in the third and last session of qualifying and bailed out of his final run after his car slid off the racing line. **George Russell** could only manage a time 0.441 seconds slower than Verstappen, qualifying second. Russell's Mercedes teammate, **Lewis Hamilton**, was third, 0.527 off the pace.

Verstappen can secure the title with at least a sixth-place finish. The contest will have its own separate "shootout" qualifying session earlier in the day. If it doesn't work out Saturday for the Dutch driver, the pole position is the best possible insurance policy for Sunday.

— From news services

CARMEN MANDATO/GETTY IMAGES

Lionel Messi has missed five of Inter Miami's past six matches, with his last MLS action coming Sept. 20, because of a hamstring injury.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB PLAYOFFS — DIVISION SERIES

1 p.m.	**American League, Game 1: Texas at Baltimore** » Fox Sports 1, WIYY (97.9 FM)
4:45 p.m.	**American League, Game 1: Minnesota at Houston** » Fox Sports 1
6 p.m.	**National League, Game 1: Philadelphia at Atlanta** » TBS
9:20 p.m.	**National League, Game 1: Arizona at Los Angeles Dodgers** »TBS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL, D3

NBA PRESEASON

Noon	**Minnesota vs. Dallas** » NBA TV
8:30 p.m.	**Los Angeles Lakers at Golden State** » NBA TV

NHL PRESEASON

4 p.m.	**Vegas at Los Angeles** » NHL Network
7 p.m.	**Columbus at Washington** » Monumental Sports Network, WTEM (980 AM)
7 p.m.	**Toronto at Detroit** » NHL Network

AUTO RACING

9 a.m.	**Formula One: Qatar Grand Prix, sprint** » ESPN2
12:30 p.m.	**NASCAR Cup Series: Roval 400, practice and qualifying** » USA Network
1:30 p.m.	**Formula One: Qatar Grand Prix, qualifying** » ESPNews
3 p.m.	**NASCAR Xfinity Series: Drive for the Cure 250** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11)

GOLF

7 a.m.	**DP World Tour: Links Championship, third round** » Golf Channel
11 a.m.	**PGA Junior League Championship, second round** » ESPNews
Noon	**Korn Ferry Tour: Tour Championship, third round** » Golf Channel
2 p.m.	**PGA Tour Champions: Furyk and Friends, second round** » Golf Channel
4 p.m.	**PGA Tour: Sanderson Farms Championship, third round** » Golf Channel

SOCCER

7:30 a.m.	**English Premier League: Tottenham at Luton Town** » USA Network
10 a.m.	**English Premier League: Brentford at Manchester United** » USA Network
11 a.m.	**Saudi Pro League: Al Okhdood at Al Hilal** » Fox Sports 2
11 a.m.	**French Ligue 1: Nice at Metz** » beIN Sports
12:30 p.m.	**English Premier League: Nottingham Forest at Crystal Palace** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11)
1 p.m.	**Turkish Super Lig: Galatasaray at Antalyaspor** » beIN Sports
3 p.m.	**French Ligue 1: Monaco at Reims** » beIN Sports
7:30 p.m.	**MLS: New York City FC at D.C. United** » Apple TV Plus, WONK (104.7 FM)

TENNIS

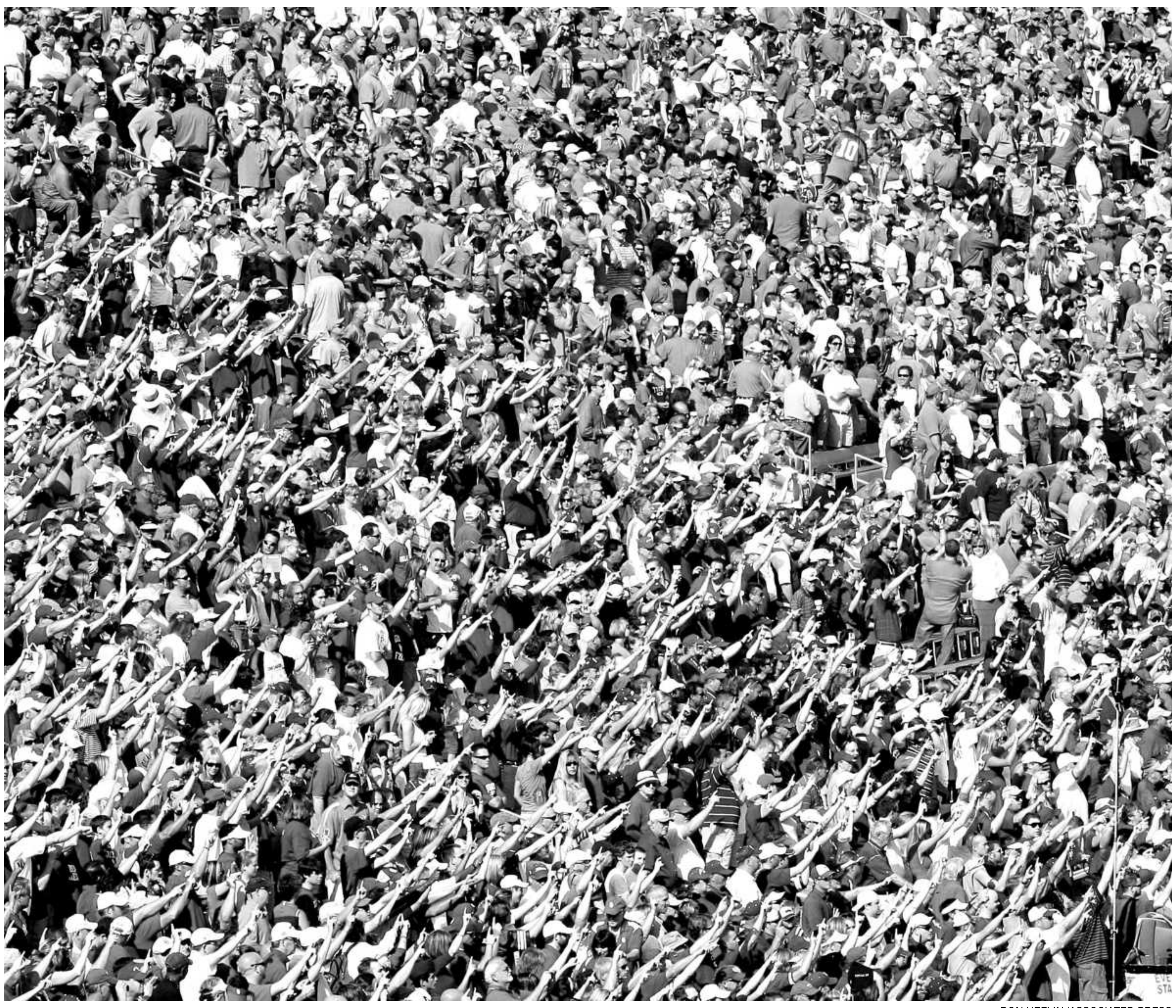
8:30 a.m.	**ATP: Shanghai Masters, early rounds** » Tennis Channel

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Noon	**Indiana at Penn State** » Big Ten Network

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

6:30 p.m.	**Ohio State at Penn State** » Big Ten Network
8:30 p.m.	**Nebraska at Michigan** » Big Ten Network



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The Cotton Bowl will be divided for Saturday's game between the Longhorns and Sooners, both undefeated for the first time in 12 years.

Red River Rivalry will always sparkle

In the 119th matchup of Texas and Oklahoma, much is the same as ever

BY CHUCK CULPEPPER

DALLAS — He remembers feeling gobsmacked at age almost 18 that when he and his Oklahoma teammates stepped off the bus at the Texas State Fair for Texas vs. Oklahoma, they had to reach the locker room by slaloming through the crowds. "I couldn't believe what I was seeing," he said.

He remembers feeling jarred that when he exited the tunnel into the Cotton Bowl, the Texas cannon blasted at just about the very same moment he looked over and saw Bevo, the famed Longhorn steer. "That scared the hell out of me," he said.

And he remembers feeling wary the next year, 1973, that when Oklahoma and Texas players walked *together* through the tunnel as they did back then, the trash talk escalated "back and forth, back and forth, [until] I thought we were going to have a fight."

Here's life for you: One day you wake up and you're reminiscing about a Saturday that somehow has reached age 50, as former Oklahoma wide receiver Tinker Owens reminisced this week. The game in which Owens caught four passes for 163 yards and two touchdowns — back when people didn't run around with 163 yards of receptions like they do nowadays — still shines from the memory bank, even as a former teammate joshed him, "Do you [even] remember the game?" It shows again how in the memory in all of life and all the world, very little rivals a rivalry in college football for vividness and lunacy and very little rivals Texas-Oklahoma . . . for vividness and lunacy.

They're at it again come Saturday late morning in the Cotton Bowl with its singular motif as a stadium half crimson and half burnt orange with apparel. They're at it for the 119th time dating from 1900 when Texas won, 28-2, in Austin and the Oklahoma coach, Vernon Parrington, could console himself later on when his three-volume work, "Main Currents in American Thought," won the 1928 Pulitzer Prize for history. They're at it with both sides unbeaten for the first time in 12 years. They're at it for the last time in the Big 12, just as they used to be at it in the Big 8 and before that in the Southwest Conference, and just as they will be at it again next year in the SEC.

Texas Coach Steve Sarkisian told reporters in Austin, "The Red River Rivalry is why we're in college football." Oklahoma Coach Brent Venables told reporters in Norman, "This is probably the first week of the season that y'all want to actually talk about this week's opponent."

They're at it again.

"I can't really explain what it's like to walk out to the Cotton Bowl for somebody who hasn't done it," Owens said, 50 years after his part in a 52-13 win, the worst loss in all the storied history of Texas Coach Darrell Royal. He does know one peculiar reality: He feels as if he can feel "exactly what they feel inside" each year as players emerge — the fine, boiling stew of their innards.

There's always an ongoing saga.

Go back 10 years, and it's Texas winning, 36-20, after three straight losses to Oklahoma that epitomized the Longhorns' long teeter from their last great season (2009-10). "You shouldn't leave this school without beating Oklahoma. You need to do that," Texas Coach Mack Brown said that day, in what would become the last of his whopping 16 Red River Rivalries.

Go back 20, and it's an emblem of an Oklahoma heyday (three national title appearances in five seasons), a 65-13 mauling with Jason White's four touchdown passes and Mark Clayton's 190 receiving yards.

Go back 30, and Oklahoma Coach Gary Gibbs really, really needed to beat Texas after going 0-4, so when he did, 38-17, he said: "I'm happy, but I'm also relieved to get the monkey off my back. But if we come down here and lose next year, the monkey will jump back on." (They did, and it did, and he departed after 1994.)

Go back 40, and it's Texas winning, 28-16, with a prized recruit, 6-foot-4, 226-pound freshman running back Edwin Simmons, whose 67-yard run clinched it even if he would join the many whose knees protested their ascents.

Go back 50, and that's what Owens and longtime teammates/friends have been doing in different ways this year. They held a gathering, for example, to mark 50 years since Barry Switzer became head coach. "And I thought, 'Hell, I was a sophomore in college [back then], and here a bunch of old broken-down players are limping in or hunched over, or some have a cane.' " Stuff hurts — neck, back — but as former teammate and NFL player Tom Brahaney told Owens, "Tinker, you know we would do it all again, wouldn't we?" Switzer just turned 86 on Thursday. "I'm going by his house to drop off a card and a bottle of wine," Owens said.

The coach was just getting going in 1973 when his first Sooners, 2-0-1 and on a Big 8 probation that would render them bowl-less with a closing No. 2 UPI coaches poll national ranking, brought to the Cotton Bowl that offense with a name gone largely to the graveyard: "wishbone." Then they threw some. They had great running back Joe Washington zip a 40-yard touchdown pass to Owens to open the scoring, and still every time Owens sees Washington, Washington says, "I always thought I was going to lead you out of bounds." They threw enough that Owens had a 67-yard post touchdown on one of the trickiest catches of all to make: that one while all alone.

They threw until quarterback Steve Davis finished with a stat line that can dredge a 2023 chuckle: 5 for 6 for 185 yards.

That 5 for 6 is one drive anymore.

Or part of one drive.

"I think that by halftime [and a 21-6 score]," Owens said, "they had kind of given up. . . . When they came out for the second half, they weren't the same team as in the first half. We had broken their will, if you will." They broke the will and boarded the bus: "Once we got out of there and went back [to Norman], we all went out and had one hell of a time."

Owens reached Norman as a little thing (161 pounds) from little Miami in the northeastern corner of the state, the younger brother of 1969 Heisman Trophy-winning power back Steve Owens. Tinker had had his days the previous year, such as a blocking performance at Nebraska as a freshman in 1972 that earned him Sports Illustrated's lineman of the week nod, a distinction still spawning grins, and as MVP of the 1972 Sugar Bowl, a 14-0 win over Penn State.

"The way we ran the football, obviously, with the wishbone, we didn't get many opportunities," he said. "People tell me I never dropped the ball. I figured if I ever dropped the ball, Switzer wouldn't throw me another pass."

He would make it to four NFL seasons in New Orleans and then to Tinker Owens Insurance & Marketing Services in Norman.

Then one day, it's 50 years ago.

GOLF ROUNDUP

Kim maintains lead; resurgent Thompson in third

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE COLONY, TEX. — Hyo Joo Kim shot a 3-under-par 68 on Friday in the Ascendant LPGA to take a two-stroke lead over Sofia Garcia into the weekend, with resurgent Lexi Thompson tied for third.

Kim had four birdies and a bogey in her morning round at Old American to reach 10-under 132. The 28-year-old South Korean player, ranked seventh in the world, also had a two-stroke lead Thursday after an opening 64.

"My shots were better than yesterday, but unfortunately the score wasn't as good," Kim said. "But I did hit the green a lot more, so I'm satisfied with that."

Garcia, a former Texas Tech player from Paraguay, also had four birdies and a bogey in a 68. She a rookie on the tour.

"You have some holes where you can definitely go ahead and be a bit more aggressive," Garcia said. "And there are a few others that definitely ask you to be patient, where you're kind of just relieved that you make the par and move on."

Thompson, set to play next week in the PGA Tour event in Las Vegas, had a 65 — the best score of the day — in breezy afternoon conditions to join Race to CME Globe leader Celine Boutier (67) at 6 under.

• **PGA TOUR:** Ben Griffin joined a crowded pack of contenders in the Sanderson Farms Championship and then moved past them with a 30 on the back nine, sending him to a 9-under 63 and a two-shot lead going into the weekend in Jackson, Miss.

Griffin's score was one shot better than his previous best in his rookie season, highlighted by a 65-foot eagle from the fringe on the par-5 14th hole at the Country Club of Jackson.

Only one of his seven birdies came from inside 10 feet.

Griffin was at 14-under 130, two shots ahead of Harrison Endycott (65), Luke List (66), Carl Yuan (66) and Henrik Norlander (67).

The Sanderson Farms Championship is part of the FedEx Cup Fall, when players are trying to finish among the top 125 in the FedEx Cup to keep full PGA Tour cards for 2024.

Griffin is at No. 66 and already has his card locked up. At stake for him is to being among Nos. 51 to No. 60, which qualifies him for $20 million tournaments early next year at Pebble Beach and Riviera.

• **DP WORLD TOUR:** Matt Fitzpatrick is showing no sign of any emotional hangover following Europe's victory in the Ryder Cup.

The Englishman shot 8-under 64 at Kingsbarns to take a one-stroke lead at the Dunhill Links Championship, the European tour event that also takes place at St. Andrews and Carnoustie. After a round at each of the three Scottish courses, the final round is back on the Old Course on Sunday.

Fitzpatrick, who had Friday's low round, was at 13 under par and a shot clear of Grant Forrest (67) and Nacho Elvira (66) after a day when strong winds affected the scoring. Forrest and Elvira both played at St. Andrews.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

TODAY'S TV GAMES

EARLY SHIFT

Noon	**Maryland at Ohio State** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
Noon	**Texas at Oklahoma** » WJLA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2)
Noon	**LSU at Missouri** » ESPN
Noon	**Toledo at Massachusetts** » ESPNU
Noon	**Western Michigan at Mississippi State** » SEC Network
Noon	**William & Mary at Virginia** » ACC Network
Noon	**Boston College at Army** » CBS Sports Network
2 p.m.	**Marshall at North Carolina State** » WDCW (Ch. 50), WNUV (Ch. 54)

Texas and Oklahoma meet as Big 12 opponents in the Red River Rivalry for the final time before both depart for the SEC. It has been one of the more competitive rivalry games in recent seasons, with eight of the past 10 meetings decided by eight points or fewer, and one of the more high-scoring, with an average final score of 41-30 in those 10 games. For the first time since 2011, both teams are unbeaten entering the game, though Texas's win at Alabama is far superior to any of the victories on Oklahoma's résumé. (The Sooners' toughest opponent this season probably was Cincinnati, and the Bearcats are just 2-3.) . . .

Missouri, which hosts LSU, is 5-0 for the first time since 2013, which has done wonders to cool Coach Eli Drinkwitz's seat. Drinkwitz went 17-19 over his first three seasons in Columbia, but quarterback Brady Cook and do-it-all wideout Luther Burden III have proved to be a potent duo. LSU's offense, paced by quarterback Jayden Daniels, has been similarly effective, but both teams have been fairly dreadful in terms of pass defense: LSU is allowing eight yards per pass attempt (No. 102 in the nation), and Missouri has given up 55 passing plays of at least 10 yards (No. 124).

SWING SHIFT

3 p.m.	**Washington State at UCLA** » Pac-12 Network
3 p.m.	**Howard at Northwestern** » Big Ten Network
3:30 p.m.	**Virginia Tech at Florida State** » WJLA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2)
3:30 p.m.	**Alabama at Texas A&M** » WUSA (Ch. 9), WJZ (Ch. 13)
3:30 p.m.	**Syracuse at North Carolina** » ESPN
3:30 p.m.	**Maine at Richmond** » MASN
3:30 p.m.	**Wake Forest at Clemson** » ACC Network
3:30 p.m.	**North Texas at Navy** » CBS Sports Network
3:30 p.m.	**Texas State at Louisiana Lafayette** » ESPNU
4 p.m.	**Central Florida at Kansas** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
4 p.m.	**Vanderbilt at Florida** » SEC Network
4 p.m.	**South Florida at UAB** » ESPN2

Alabama visits Texas A&M looking to avoid its second loss. The Crimson Tide hasn't had two losses before November since 2007, which was Nick Saban's first year at the helm, but there's no denying Alabama has been stunningly mediocre in certain key aspects this season: It ranks 46th in offensive success rate, 79th in expected points added per pass play and 54th in rushing defense expected points allowed per play. Take away a 48-33 loss at Miami on Sept. 9, and the Aggies have had one of the nation's stronger defenses: In their other four games, they have given up just 11.3 points per game. Opposing quarterbacks have completed just 53 percent of their passes against Texas A&M (No. 8 nationally), and the Aggies are averaging four sacks (third in the nation). Perhaps because of Jalen Milroe's limitations as a passer, Alabama had him throw the ball only 13 times in last weekend's win over Mississippi State. A similar plan might be needed on the road against Texas A&M's stingy defense.

NIGHT SHIFT

6:30 p.m.	**Colorado at Arizona State** » Pac-12 Network
7 p.m.	**Kentucky at Georgia** » ESPN
7:30 p.m.	**Michigan at Minnesota** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11)
7:30 p.m.	**Notre Dame at Louisville** » WJLA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2)
7:30 p.m.	**Arkansas at Mississippi** » SEC Network
8 p.m.	**Georgia Tech at Miami** » ACC Network
8 p.m.	**Fresno State at Wyoming** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
8 p.m.	**Texas Tech at Baylor** » ESPN2
8 p.m.	**TCU at Iowa State** » Fox Sports 2
8 p.m.	**San Jose State at Boise State** » CBS Sports Network
10 p.m.	**Oregon State at California** » Pac-12 Network
10:30 p.m.	**Arizona at Southern California** » ESPN

Mark Stoops's recipe for success at Kentucky — the Wildcats have gone bowling in seven straight seasons and, at 5-0 this year, are almost certain to make it eight in a row — has been fairly simple: grind things out on offense and defense. And while this year's Kentucky defense is stingy as usual, the Wildcats' offense has reeled off 33 plays of at least 20 yards, which ranks 10th nationally. **Georgia, the Wildcats' opponent Saturday night**, has allowed only 10 plays of 20-plus yards, so something will have to give. At some point, the Bulldogs' penchant for sleepwalking through the first quarter is going to hurt them: Their scoring differential in the first 15 minutes is zero, which is the worst of any team in the Associated Press top 20. One of these days, Georgia is going to find itself down an insurmountable margin after a slow start. . . .

Notre Dame running back Audric Estime is averaging 112 rushing yards and has scored seven times, but Louisville's rushing defense ranks third nationally in EPA per play and is coming off a game in which it held North Carolina State to fewer than three yards per carry. **The Fighting Irish visit Louisville**, the third game of an arduous four-game stretch for Notre Dame (Ohio State, at Duke, at Louisville, Southern California next weekend).

— Matt Bonesteel

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"I have a lot of confidence in our team," quarterback Taulia Tagovailoa (3) said of the Terrapins, who have never defeated Ohio State.

Win at Ohio State could define the Terps

MARYLAND FROM **D1**

create some momentum and have confidence going into a tough place to play against a really talented team, but you know what? I think this team is just young and dumb enough to show up and play like they're capable of playing, and we'll see what happens."

A victory for Maryland (5-0, 2-0 Big Ten) in Columbus would be program-defining on several fronts, starting with validation of Locksley's declaration in August that the Terrapins are primed to contend for the Big Ten championship by competing with traditional powers such as Ohio State (4-0, 1-0), which has 39 conference titles, including 11 since 2002.

The Terrapins have never beaten Ohio State, with an average margin of defeat of more than 34 points over eight games since they joined the Big Ten in 2014. That margin at Ohio Stadium is close to 44 points, including recent defeats by 66-17 in 2021 and 73-14 in 2019. Maryland lost last year's matchup in College Park, 43-30.

A win also would secure bowl eligibility for Maryland and extend its best start since 2001, when the Terrapins, then a member of the ACC, opened 7-0 on the way to a 10-2 record and a berth in the Orange Bowl. Locksley was an assistant on that team's staff, serving as running backs coach and recruiting coordinator under Ralph Friedgen.

The Terrapins and Ohio State clash for the first time with both sides unbeaten, although Maryland remains roughly a 20-point underdog.

"I think this team gets it," Locksley said. "They've been through a lot. These relationships and the bonds have been forged over time and through adversity as well as some good times, and I think they enjoy being around each other. I love coaching this group because any challenge you put in front of them, they meet it headfirst, they don't complain . . . and they don't make excuses, and to me that's what it's all about."

Only a handful of Maryland players were born when the Terrapins last managed such a rousing beginning to the season, the most prominent being quarterback Taulia Tagovailoa. The redshirt senior was named Big Ten offensive player of the week after accounting for a career-best six touchdowns against the Hoosiers.

The Terrapins' career leader in total offense (9,599), passing yards (9,343), passing touchdowns (64) and completion percentage (67.1) has played as well as almost anyone at the position recently against Ohio State, which this year ranks second nationally in scoring defense (8.5 points allowed per game) and sixth in total defense (255.5 yards allowed per game).

Last season, Tagovailoa completed 26 of 36 passes for 293 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for another score, helping Maryland pull within 33-30 early in the fourth quarter before the Buckeyes finished with 10 unanswered points, including an eight-yard fumble return for a touchdown with nine seconds to play.

"I have a lot of confidence in our team," Tagovailoa said. "I just feel like with the things we've done, we feel like we're up there with everybody else. We believe that we can be Big Ten champions. Obviously, we've got a long way to go, but we believe we can compete with anyone that's on our schedule, anyone that's on the field, and every week, every day, we've got to prove that."

Maryland has posted at least 31 points in each of its first five games for the first time, but the climb has been about far more than a well-oiled offense that's first in the Big Ten in total yards (454.8 per game) and second in passing yards (297.4 per game) and scoring (38.6 points per game).

The defense also has been robust since the final two games last season. In that span, the Terrapins surrendered seven touchdowns overall and nine points per game. They're the only Football Bowl Subdivision team to have limited opponents to no more than 20 points in each of its past seven games.

Maryland also has created turnovers at a brisk pace lately, with 10 in the past three games. The Terrapins are second nationally in turnover margin (plus-nine) and tied for third in the country and first among Big Ten teams in takeaways (12). In the past two games, they have also forced three turnovers on downs.

The most daunting assignment for defensive coordinator Brian Williams and his staff is devising a plan to limit the Buckeyes' Marvin Harrison Jr., whom Locksley called the most explosive wide receiver Maryland will face this year. Harrison hurt his ankle in Ohio State's win against Notre Dame two weeks ago but was a full participant in practice this week, Buckeyes Coach Ryan Day said. Ohio State is coming off an open date.

"Over the years, it's always been like, 'Oh, we've got Ohio State coming up,' or, 'We've got the big three, they say, [with] Michigan, Penn State,'" Terrapins safety Dante Trader Jr. said. "There's no anxiety or anything like that [this time]. We're not going to change anything because we're playing the blue bloods of college football, but obviously knowing the big challenge we've got ahead of us, people have got to be locked in."

KEVIN B. BLACKISTONE

Trice stands for something much bigger than his sport

BLACKISTONE FROM **D1**

alternative for us other than to say that we cannot permit a colored man on any team that we play. . . .

Very truly yours, C.L. Brewer

Beyer responded two days later, in part:

It has been understood for several years by the faculty members of the schools in Iowa and Nebraska that colored men could not be used on teams playing with schools from the states of Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. There is no written rule on the subject, only a [gentlemen's] agreement.

We had no intention of using Jack Trice in the game with you. However that is all settled because Jack's injury resulted in his death Monday afternoon. . . .

With kindest personal regards, I am, Yours cordially and sincerely, SWB: LM

On Saturday, one day before the 100th anniversary of Trice's death, the university is scheduled to kick off the Jack Trice Legacy Football Game. The home team will sport reproductions of the uniforms — with vertical silver stripes from waist to sternum — it wore Oct. 6, 1923, when Trice suffered injuries on the field to which he later succumbed. And in the days before and after the game, the university will celebrate with academic lectures about Trice's importance, the awarding of a posthumous degree and a commemorative service on the date of his death.

In all these years that young Black men have played, starred in and contributed so enormously to the game of college football that they now dominate, I don't recall any who have been so honored. Especially one who wasn't an all-American, all-conference or all-anything. Trice played only one game, at home against Simpson College, before dying after his second.

Trice's tale, which I researched many years ago for my thesis, is one of the most remarkable in a sport full of them. He was more than a pioneer as the first Black football player at Iowa State and one of the early Black football players at a predominantly White college. Trice became an inspiration. Why? Because of what he aspired to do for others.

Trice left his Cleveland home for Ames in 1922, with the goal of learning to farm as had his father, who died when Trice was 7. And he wanted to farm in the South, where his parents were born, and for Black Americans who predominated that region.

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Jack Trice Stadium is named for a Black Iowa State player who died of injuries he suffered in a 1923 game against Minnesota.

What better place to learn the trade than Iowa State, which produced the most famous Black scientist in America, botanist George Washington Carver? Carver also had been a part of the Iowa State football program, serving as its trainer for a spell.

But like the other few Black students in Ames, Trice was left to fend for himself, at the same time a local KKK chapter was sprouting. He had to secure housing off the de facto Whites-only campus. That meant renting a room in a house that catered to Black students and provided board. And finding work to pay for it, which Trice did, as a janitor. It aided him a year later in bringing his teenage bride, Cora Mae, to live with him. He said goodbye to her before joining the team for an overnight train trip Oct. 5, 1923, to a game against Minnesota the next day.

College football was a much more perilous game then. Nearly two decades earlier, President Theodore Roosevelt summoned the bosses of the major football schools to clean up a game that in 1905 saw several players killed. It resulted in outlawing, for example, the flying wedge, when blockers locked arms and steamrolled would-be tacklers.

The few Black players for White colleges often found themselves objects of the game's violence. When Paul Robeson in 1915 integrated the team at Rutgers, where he became a two-time all-American, he was targeted — by his own teammates.

Trice couldn't blend in at Minnesota's Northrop Field. He wasn't a light-skinned Black man with wavy hair. Trice was dark skinned, a deep chocolate. He wore his tuft of tightly coiled black hair high on his crown and closely cropped on the sides. His opponents took note.

Trice was an object of their attack early, injuring his shoulder in the first quarter. In the third quarter, Trice, playing defensive end, was faced with an avalanche of linemen clearing a path for a Gophers ballcarrier, a formation similar to the one that had been outlawed. Trice lowered his body and began a roll to break up the oncoming blockade.

He was trampled. Maybe on purpose.

Trice couldn't make it on his own to the sideline. But after teammates helped him, the team doctor ordered him to a hospital. He was released, prematurely some have suspected, to make the team's overnight train ride back to Ames atop what was said to be a straw mattress in a drafty boxcar.

Trice was rushed to Iowa State's infirmary. By Monday, his condition worsened. It was believed he had suffered a broken collarbone and internal injuries that some said should have been treated in Minnesota. The Iowa State Daily later that day announced his death. "With him since his injury has been his wife, who nurses in the hospital say is bearing up bravely," the newspaper reported.

Classes were canceled the next day for a campus funeral. Cora Mae gave university president R.A. Pearson a letter she found in her late husband's belongings and granted him permission to read it to the throng. It read in part:

To Whom it may concern:

My thoughts just before the first real college game of my life. The honor of my race, family, & self is at stake. Everyone is expecting me to do big things. I will! My whole body & soul are to be thrown recklessly about on the field tomorrow. Every time the ball is snapped, I will be trying to do more than my part.

Jack

A memorial plaque was placed in the corner of the gym. It was forgotten until a tutor noticed it half a century later. The Iowa State Daily wrote a story about the discovery. A class dug deeper. A student movement began to honor him more prominently.

It all spurred the Jack Trice Memorial Stadium Committee, which culminated in 1997 when this ordinary and once-forgotten athlete was memorialized, with his name unveiled on the home stadium where his game is scheduled to be played Saturday. It is, by the way, the only stadium in major college football whose name commemorates a representative of Trice's race, someone colleges once didn't want to let play.

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BASEBALL NOTES

Bradish will take the ball for Baltimore in Game 1 against Texas lefty Heaney

FROM NEWS SERVICES AND STAFF REPORTS

As expected, the Baltimore Orioles will start Kyle Bradish in Game 1 of the American League Division Series against Texas and rookie Grayson Rodriguez in Game 2.

The Rangers, on the other hand, went in a somewhat surprising direction.

Texas announced Friday night that Andrew Heaney will start the series opener Saturday, followed by Jordan Montgomery in Game 2. That means the Rangers will pitch two left-handed starters in a row to begin the series.

Texas used Montgomery and Nathan Eovaldi in its first-round sweep of Tampa Bay, which seemed to make Dane Dunning the probable starter to begin this matchup with Baltimore. Instead it will be Heaney, who was 10-6 with a 4.15 ERA this year in his first season with the Rangers.

A big question for Texas is the health of Max Scherzer, who faced hitters Friday. The 39-year-old right-hander said he will have to see how he recovers Saturday.

• **DODGERS:** Clayton Kershaw has never been one for making excuses. Whether it's his health or his velocity, both of which have taken hits in recent years, he would rather gut out whatever is going on in silence.

"He's a survivor; he's a competitor," Manager Dave Roberts said. "He just wills himself to great performances."

The 100-win Dodgers will rely on their stalwart left-hander when Kershaw starts the National League Division Series opener Saturday against the 84-win Arizona Diamondbacks. He was 13-5 with a 2.46 ERA during the season.

• **TWINS:** Bailey Ober will start for Minnesota in Game 1 of the ALDS on Saturday against Justin Verlander and the Houston Astros.

Ober went 8-6 with a 3.43 ERA this season. He was sent to Class AAA for about a month before returning to the Twins on Sept. 15.

• **MARLINS:** Miami ace Sandy Alcantara will miss the 2024 season after undergoing Tommy John surgery to repair the ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow.

"I promise I will not take a day off as I push to be back better than ever," Alcantara said in a social media post.

— Associated Press

• **NATIONALS:** Washington is hiring Danny Haas as its next scouting director, a person familiar with the situation told The Washington Post. Haas will replace Kris Kline, who had held the job since 2009. In early September, Kline was moved into a new position as a special assistant to General Manager Mike Rizzo.

Haas, 47, spent the past five seasons with the Diamondbacks as a special assignment scout.

— Andrew Golden

Fast-playing, fast-learning Henderson part of what makes young Orioles special

HENDERSON FROM **D1**

tougher hitters to face. Seeing the improvement he made at such a young age was incredible. Watching that continue for the last two or three years, it's crazy to say, but I think we all sort of saw this coming."

"This" is one of the better rookie seasons in Baltimore Orioles history, the result of what has been — save those early alternate site days and a brief bout of shoulder dipping early this season — a remarkably uninterrupted growth curve. At 22, Henderson has emerged as the Orioles' everyday shortstop and one of the sport's best left-handed hitters. He played 150 games and hit .255 with 28 homers and 100 runs scored, a number that put him ahead of Cal Ripken Jr.'s Orioles rookie record of 92.

He led a historically top-heavy class of MLB rookies in homers and finished second only to Arizona's Corbin Carroll with 4.6 FanGraphs wins above replacement. His sweet left-handed swing yielded the 13th-highest hard-hit rate in the majors, just between all-stars Yordan Alvarez and Julio Rodríguez. And he became just the third Orioles rookie to accumulate 25 doubles and 25 homers, joining Ripken and Eddie Murray.

He emerged as the infield complement to Rutschman behind the plate, one of the brightest stars on a young Orioles team that enters its American League Division Series matchup with the Texas Rangers expecting it to be the first of many playoff series together. And he, like so many of the young Orioles who have propelled this team past skeptics all season, seems entirely unsurprised that all of it has come so soon.

"I'm sure the day that we retire and we can look back at the seasons able to see how rare it is would be pretty cool," Henderson said. "But it's just kind of hard to put it into words because it's our first year. This is what we're going to expect for years to come."

The Orioles entered this season determined to make the playoffs for the first time since their rebuild began five years ago, confident that young players such as Henderson and Rutschman would be as good as advertised as soon as they got the chance. Despite being unproven, they were never overmatched, not as they carried unprecedented expectations during the regular season, not as they tried to win their division down the stretch. They won the American League East, a division that had five

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Infielder Gunnar Henderson eclipsed Cal Ripken Jr.'s Orioles rookie record for runs scored this year.

teams over .500 for most of the season. And Henderson was at the center of it all, the slugger around whom opponents planned, the guy who always seemed to provide the big hit when needed. He, like his team more broadly, seemed to reject the idea that inexperience should lead to intimidation.

When it comes to Henderson specifically, the Orioles are confident this year set the floor for future seasons rather than the ceiling, in large part because the only thing Henderson seems unable to do on a baseball field is downshift. Veteran first baseman Ryan O'Hearn didn't hesitate when asked what impressed him most.

"He plays hard," O'Hearn said, echoing the Orioles scout who saw Henderson take third on a routine groundball double in a showcase game when other guys would have stopped at second, as well as the childhood friend who remembers Henderson as endlessly competitive with his brothers, responding to losses the same way every time: Let's go again.

That fight is hardly visible as Henderson moves around the clubhouse, polite and unobtrusive, quiet and stoic. But on the field, he seems unable to slow down, "plays fast," teammates say, meaning that at every moment Henderson is pushing the limits of his skill set in the pursuit of something more.

For example: Henderson is fast, especially for his size, but he isn't in MLB's top 75 players by sprint speed. Even so, he finished this season leading MLB with six "runner runs," a Baseball Savant measure of how many extra runs a player creates by advancing in situations in which the average runner would not, stolen bases excluded. Carroll, Trea Turner and Bobby Witt Jr. were second with five each.

"It shows in everything he does. He runs out every ball," O'Hearn said. "He gives full effort every time he gets a chance to make a play. He competes like crazy in the box. He just does everything with a tenacious attitude."

'Coach, are you kidding me?'

Last week, tucked between columns about city budgets and high school football in the Selma Times-Journal's opinion section, sat a less banal headline: "Our Opinion: We're Proud of Gunnar Henderson."

The Henderson brothers, Jackson, Gunnar and Cade, are staples in the Selma-area baseball world. They had a baseball field in their backyard, complete with batting cage, where the boys and their cousin, University of Alabama at Birmingham outfielder Brayton Brown, grew up turning double plays and competing over everything. Jackson Henderson walked on at Auburn. Brown started his collegiate career there, too.

Henderson also committed to play at Auburn as a sophomore in high school, by which time he was one of the premier young players in the state. Travis Coleman, who oversees Atlanta Braves scouting in the South, first saw Henderson when he was only 14. Five minutes into watching him play, Coleman knew enough to tell Henderson's father, Allen, that his son was unusually talented and destined to be special.

"His body composition, he was long and lean and athletic, but with as long and lean as he was, he moved so well. His hand-eye coordination was terrific. His footwork was excellent," said Coleman, who also played at Auburn. Professional scouts, who started flocking to Henderson's summer ballgames in droves, felt the same way.

Orioles scout David Jennings first saw Henderson when he was around 16. He saw the big league body and elite talent, just like everybody else. He saw how hard Henderson played, particularly on the base paths, even in showcase games that were less about winning and more about showing off.

He saw Henderson play under the weight of more and more scouts' eyes, dozens of whom packed the stands to see him by the later high school years, sometimes alongside general managers. And he tried to vet Henderson the person, watching the teenager drop his "yes, sirs" and "yes, ma'ams" to parents, watching him treat far less talented teammates as equals.

"There was really nothing negative I could find about Gunnar," Jennings said.

Henderson's high school coach, Stephen Clements, said scouts would often ask him for the truth about his hometown prodigy. He would send them to the custodian.

"I thought, 'If anyone in the world can tell you something negative about a high school senior, it'll be the custodian,' " Clements said. "They all went to ask him. They all came back asking, 'Coach, are you kidding me?' "

Clements always assured them he hadn't planted the witness, that Henderson is as sturdy and respectful a person as any teenager could be. And though he coached Henderson for only a few of his high school years, Clements spent parts of the years that followed driving around the country with his wife, making sure to catch Henderson in Delmarva one year, driving up the coast to find him in one city or another. This year, he had to buy the MLB TV package so he wouldn't miss a game. Every evening his wife asks him what time the Orioles play so they can be in position to watch when the game starts — "like, we're planning supper around it." If they are out, wherever they are out, Clements watches on his phone.

"He's got the support of the whole town, everywhere from Montgomery to Selma, to all of the surrounding areas," Clements said. "He did it the right way. You never hear anybody say, 'Gosh, I hope he doesn't succeed.' Everybody wants him to succeed."

Clements, who joked he was looking into selling his car or house to get some playoff tickets, said he was texting Orioles scouts to see whether they might have some they could share. And he isn't the only one.

"If he makes the World Series," said Brown, his cousin, "I'll take out a loan to buy tickets."

'A lot of hunger'

Most afternoons, Henderson can be found walking around the Orioles' clubhouse in a military green Orioles hat, paired with a cross necklace. He is usually wearing a Big League Bucks T-shirt, merch from the group Orioles catcher James McCann co-founded for Christian baseball players with a love for hunting and the outdoors.

Once, in spring training, he walked through the clubhouse barefoot and in a suit. He was a big leaguer now. He needed a nice one, so he decided to get it tailored. Once, he arrived in a bright blue velour tracksuit, part of a coordinated outfit with Rutschman, Ryan Mountcastle and Colton Cowser.

But mostly Henderson seems comfortable as one of the guys, rarely drawing much attention to himself with anything but his play. When Cowser is up, he challenges his fellow Orioles prospect to quiet games of pool, though Henderson is hardly a savant, and unlike more demonstrative teammates, he chuckles quietly instead of yelling when a shot goes awry. He doesn't call attention to himself, doesn't seem to be trying to lead or create a persona or build some kind of brand.

To the extent he calls attention to anything in his life, it is by pulling out his phone to show anyone interested a few pictures of the puppy his family is training back home.

"For the most part, we talk about hunting," Hall said when asked what Henderson is like in baseball-free moments. "Yeah, mostly hunting, going and spending money at outdoors stores.

"We've all become pretty close off the field," he added. "Just that normal, everyday talk keeps our minds from getting too deep into baseball."

Henderson is part of that young Orioles core, the group that also includes Hall, Rutschman, Grayson Rodriguez and Cowser, all of whom have come up together for much of their minor league careers and arrived in the majors in time to lift the Orioles this year.

The 22-year-old walked into a clubhouse full of infielders who had to scratch their way into roles by proving themselves during the leaner Orioles years — guys such as Jorge Mateo and Ramon Urías, whose playing time Henderson was called up to inherit, whether immediately or eventually.

As it turned out, Henderson seized that time immediately, starting 68 games at shortstop and 64 at third, places Mateo and Urías had tried to make their own in recent years. But if navigating that logjam has been awkward, it is not because Henderson has made it that way. He, like his team, has not made noise about belonging on the biggest stage. He, like his team, just quietly continues to prove it.

"I'm actually really glad to be around him, to see how professional he is," Urías said. "He's humble. He works hard every day. He's got a lot of hunger.

"I think," Urías added, "he has a chance to be a legend."

Biles reclaims her throne at world championships

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reward. Biles scored a 58.399 while wowing the crowd with complex routines she makes look effortless. Brazil's Rebeca Andrade, who won the all-around title last year when Biles had not yet returned to competition, chased from behind with four solid routines. But that was not enough, not when Biles is the competition. Andrade (56.766) landed 1.633 points behind Biles, and American Shilese Jones (56.332) earned the bronze.

Biles has won six all-around titles at the world championships, plus another all-around gold at the 2016 Olympics. She's up to 21 golds at worlds (in addition to four Olympic titles). Each one is a moment that turned into a career highlight, but her distinction in the sport also has derived by *how* she has reached those milestones.

Biles has long been a consistent competitor — and even more so now than earlier in her career. Her fundamentals are technically outstanding; that's partly what enables her to execute such difficult routines. And she has pioneered new elements — five that now bear her name — that have challenged what's possible in the sport.

Even those without gymnastics expertise can tell the way Biles performs is different — the height she reaches as she launches off each apparatus, the number of flips and twists she completes as she flies in the air and the steady confidence she exudes as she competes.

By the time Biles prepared to cap the evening as the final athlete on floor, she didn't need a special showing to clinch the gold. The competition effectively had ended as long as Biles stayed on her feet. So she made the routine a *performance* that wowed the crowd with super-high tumbling and well-controlled landings.

Her only blunder came on a dance element: She tripped as she chasséd into an intended leap and ultimately skipped the element altogether. Biles laughed after the routine and still scored the highest mark (14.533) on the apparatus — just as she did on vault and beam.

Biles had a couple nervy moments with missed connections on the bars and beam, but she

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Simone Biles easily surpassed Brazil's Rebeca Andrade, who won worlds last year when Biles was away.

covered the mistakes with poise and remained secure from then on. She opted for a simpler vault rather than the Yurchenko double pike and executed it well, earning a 15.100 that ensured she had an edge over Andrade from the start.

Biles's longevity — that she can win a sixth world all-around title a decade after her first — has been remarkable. Not long before Biles's previous trip to Antwerp, she won her first national title by a small margin — just two-tenths of a point — and it began a decade-long winning streak that remains intact.

Biles took a break after the 2016 Olympics, where she won four gold medals and one bronze. When she returned, she kept winning — all while carrying the mental and emotional burden of publicly identifying herself as a survivor of sexual abuse and competing for USA Gymnastics, which failed to protects its athletes from former team doctor Larry Nassar.

After the Tokyo Games, Biles again took time away from the sport, with her competitive future uncertain. But when Biles competed again this summer, she performed at her best — with similar routines and the same success as before Tokyo.

Biles is a "completely different" athlete now, her coach, Cecile Landi, said, adding: "And I think she gets better. She's like wine. It's better with age."

The world championships mirror the Olympics with a similar competitive schedule and deep field of competitors, so Biles's return here carried significant weight. She excelled through three days of competition, and more medals here seem assured. Biles doesn't pause much to contemplate the meaning of her comeback. For now, she probably will keep winning. Deeper reflections can wait.

"I don't think it'll hit me until maybe I retire and then look back and see everything I've done," Biles said. "But tonight, I think it was a good start."

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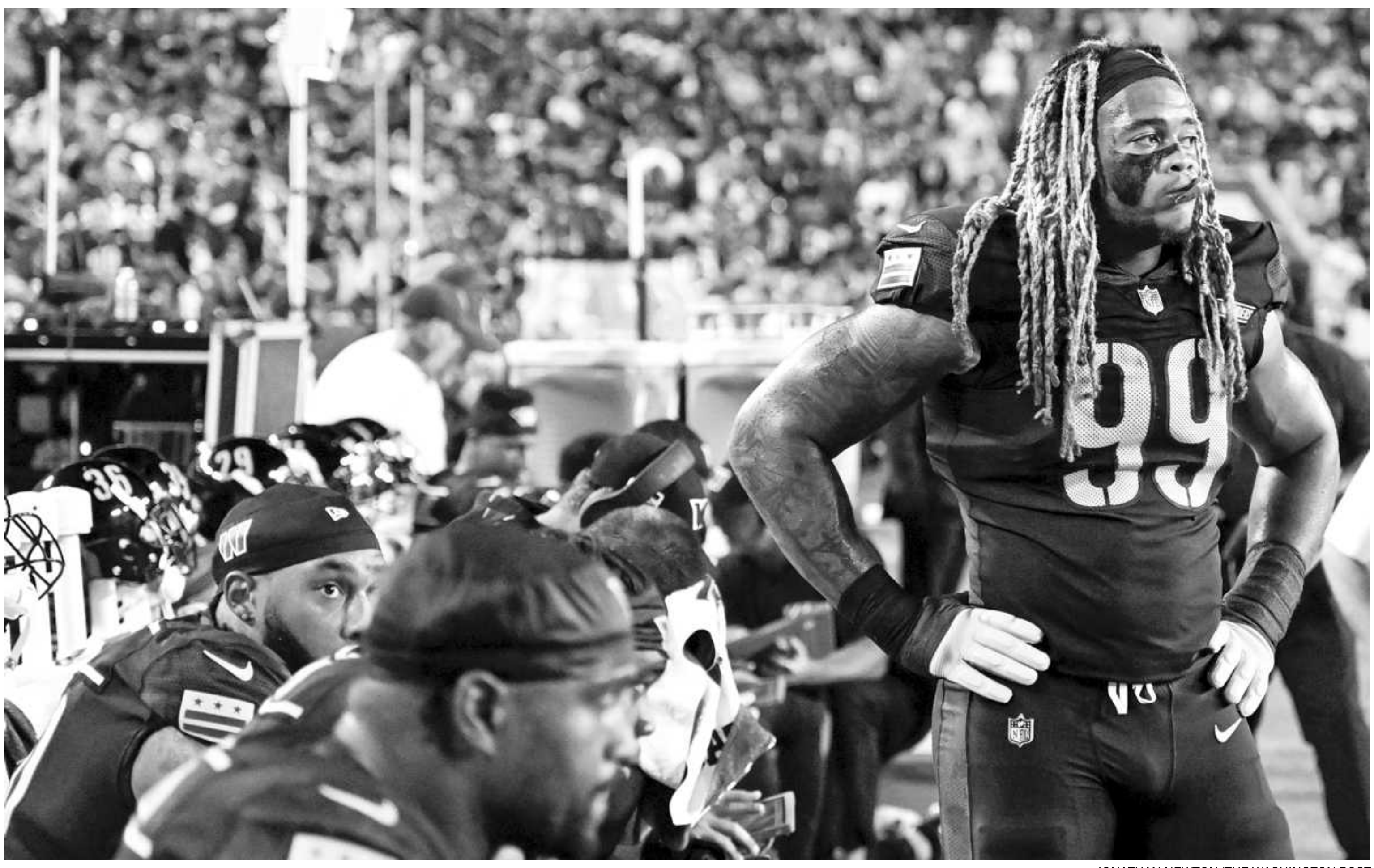
ANALYSIS

Commanders' defense left searching for answers after ugly loss

BY SAM FORTIER



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Defensive end Chase Young (99) and the Commanders allowed nine explosive plays to the previously winless Bears on Thursday night.

Let's get the obvious out of the way: The Washington Commanders' 40-20 loss to the Chicago Bears on Thursday night was one of the worst of the Ron Rivera era, and despite reasons for optimism — it's still early, the NFL has unparalleled parity — the defeat was ugly enough that it prompted questions about the team's preparation and prospects this season, including from limited partner Magic Johnson.

But let's zoom in on the defense. The unit that was expected to lead this team got humiliated again, this time by a below-average offense at home on national television. Jack Del Rio has been a defensive coordinator for 119 career games, and only three times has one of his units allowed more points than Washington did Thursday.

The Commanders rank 31st in the league in average defensive points allowed per game (29.2), ahead of only the Denver Broncos (37.5), who earlier this year gave up a near-record 70 points in one contest.

The collapse is somewhat surprising. The unit has bright individual talents — including six first-round picks — and is in the fourth year of Del Rio's system. Del Rio tweaked the scheme last season, which helped tighten coverage, and the secondary is full of veterans. Other than first-round cornerback Emmanuel Forbes Jr., who was benched Thursday, the defense uses no rookies.

So why are there so many breakdowns?

"We got to look at the rotation of players, look at what we do and make sure . . . we're putting them in position to be successful," Rivera said.

After watching the film, Rivera said Friday he would not make any defensive staff changes. Del Rio's defenses have started slowly all four years the coordinator has been in Washington, and though they rebounded in 2020 and 2022, there now seem to be structural flaws. But Rivera believes they are fixable and is betting on Del Rio and his coaches to deliver.

One of the defense's biggest problems is explosive plays (rushes of 12 or more yards and receptions of 16 or more). In 2020 and 2022, Washington was elite at preventing those plays; in 2021, it was about average. This year, it's allowing an explosive play 11.7 percent of the time, the eighth-highest rate in the league, and when the defense breaks down, opposing offenses boom big.

Of the nine explosive plays Washington allowed against the Bears, four went for 32 yards or more. Washington got burned even though Chicago's playmaking options were clearly limited. Justin Fields's 282 passing yards went to just three receivers, mostly DJ Moore, whom Washington should have been prepared for considering the Carolina Panthers drafted him in the first round in 2018, when Rivera was their coach.

But why do explosive plays seem to be a recurring problem? One reason could be the secondary. After the game, Chicago offensive lineman Teven Jenkins said the Bears exploited the Commanders' attempts to disguise coverages before the snap. The Commanders would line up with one deep safety, suggesting cover-one, but would rotate a second defensive back high after the snap, revealing cover-two.

In the Commanders' win over the Bears last season, cornerback Benjamin St-Juste said disguising coverages was effective against Fields because, on film, Washington's defensive players had seen him struggle to get past his first read. This year, Jenkins said, the Bears were good at spotting "weak boxes and weak rotations" by safeties.

"[A] couple times, they were trying to give false looks, and it seemed like some of the guys either weren't aware or they were just being lazy about making the shift, and that led to some really open plays for us," Jenkins said.

St-Juste said Thursday the secondary "came out trying to force some plays." On the first drive, St-Juste bit hard on a double move by Moore, freeing up the wide receiver for a 58-yard gain to set up the opening touchdown.

"I'm [mad] about that," St-Juste said, adding, "That's on me. . . . Should've just did my job instead of looking for a play when it wasn't there."

Gambling cost Forbes, too. In Week 4, Washington trusted the rookie ballhawk one-on-one with Philadelphia's two top wide receivers, and one of them, A.J. Brown, torched him for key gains in the Eagles' overtime win. This week, the Commanders bet on Forbes bouncing back, but he struggled again.

Late in the third quarter, after the Commanders had cut the deficit to 27-14, they badly needed a stop. But Forbes tried to jump an out-breaking route on the right sideline, missed the ball and put himself in good position to watch Moore run for 32 yards. The play helped set up a field goal, and the Commanders benched Forbes for veteran journeyman Danny Johnson.

"[Benching] Forbes was kind of the indicator that we can't go through this anymore," Rivera said Friday. "Now's the time."

This past offseason, Del Rio's message to his players, other than to start fast, was to generate more takeaways. It's hard not to wonder whether the crushing mistakes from the Bears game, such as defenders missing tackles because they were going for the ball or getting burned when trying to jump routes, were unintended side effects of that point of emphasis.

Has the secondary, full of seemingly smart and capable players, allowed the focus on turnovers to make the unit overly aggressive?

"It could be," Rivera said. "I mean, that's a guess right there. . . . When you're trying to jump routes, when you're trying to make plays, you're trying to do more than you need to, those unfortunate things are going to happen."

During his news conference, when discussing explosive plays, Rivera said, "It's not about going after the ball as much as it's securing the tackle."

After the game, the locker room was stunned and mostly silent. Defenders ran through broken plays with one another. They also defended Del Rio, putting all the blame on themselves.

"It's nothing on Del Rio. He made good calls today," defensive end Chase Young said, adding, "It's on us as players. [We've] just got to start faster and hold each other accountable."

"We played terrible," safety Darrick Forrest said. "We just got to be better."

"We look at ourselves like a top-five defense in the league," safety Kam Curl said. "We're not playing like that right now, so we're just looking for a solution to change that."

Tramel Raggs contributed to this report.

NFL NOTES

49ers land Gregory in trade with Broncos

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The Denver Broncos on Friday traded benched pass rusher Randy Gregory to the San Francisco 49ers in a deal that also includes the exchange of 2024 draft picks, with Denver sending over a seventh-round selection for a sixth-round choice.

Broncos Coach Sean Payton confirmed the trade after practice. Earlier in the week, he said the team felt it was best to give more playing time to younger players.

As part of the deal, the Broncos are picking up the bulk of the $10.9 million remaining on Gregory's salary this season.

• **RAMS:** Wide receiver Cooper Kupp is expected to make his season debut for Los Angeles vs. the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday.

Coach Sean McVay said that Kupp will be activated from injured reserve and will play at SoFi Stadium "unless something different happens in the next 48 hours."

• **BILLS:** Edge rusher Von Miller says it's a "safe bet" that he'll make his season debut Sunday against the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Miller, who sustained a knee injury in November, said there's a "94½ percent" likelihood of him suiting up at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London.

• **DOLPHINS:** The Chicago Bears traded wide receiver Chase Claypool to Miami, ending the fourth-year player's brief and disappointing tenure with the Bears.

The Dolphins will also receive a 2025 seventh-round pick in the trade in exchange for a 2025 sixth-round pick, the teams announced.

Also, Miami is placing veteran left tackle Terron Armstead on injured reserve because of a knee injury he suffered in Week 4 against Buffalo, Coach Mike McDaniel confirmed.

• **GIANTS:** Running back Saquon Barkley was listed as questionable for New York's game at Miami on Sunday. He sprained his right ankle against the Arizona Cardinals on Sept. 17 and has missed the past two games.

• **RAIDERS:** Quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo is out of the concussion protocol and will start when Las Vegas hosts the Green Bay Packers on Monday night.

Washington not making coaching changes in wake of Thursday night's fiasco

BY NICKI JHABVALA

After three consecutive losses, including a 40-20 drubbing by the Chicago Bears on Thursday night, Washington Commanders Coach Ron Rivera said the team will look to make necessary adjustments, but he doesn't expect to make any changes to the coaching staff at this point.

"We've got 12 [games] left to play," Rivera said on a Zoom call with reporters Friday. "There's plenty of football left."

Following the loss to Chicago, Rivera said he planned to review the game film and talk to his staff about what could be done to correct the team's miscues, which have been especially problematic on defense. Washington allowed 451 yards and eight scoring drives to the Bears, who entered the contest on a 14-game losing streak.

To make a coaching change, Rivera would have to consider the rest of the staff and whether the change would lead to improvement or more problems. Fire defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio? The only other coaches with experience calling defensive plays are Rivera and running game coordinator Juan Castillo, who did it from 2011 to 2012 with the Philadelphia Eagles.

So what could change?

Rivera gave few specifics Thursday night, noting only the rotation of players and questioning whether the coaching staff was putting players "in position to be successful."

On Friday, Rivera cited the choices in defensive play calls. He mentioned the possibility of allowing some defensive players more liberties with their techniques — or even mandating that players adhere to certain techniques. He also said players need to be more disciplined.

"We've got to stop trying to do more than we need to and do our jobs," he said.

The concerns extended to the offense, too, notably the NFL-high 29 sacks quarterback Sam Howell has taken. Left tackle Charles Leno expressed concerns about the number of hits Howell has endured, saying, "We should take a different route in that aspect, but that's what the coaches want" and "we want to show fight."

Rivera admitted there's "a little bit of concern" with the offensive line and its protection of Howell but said it's also on Howell to get rid of the ball quickly.

As Rivera continues to review what needs to be fixed — and how to fix it — over the next nine days before the Commanders face the Atlanta Falcons, one decision from Thursday may have set a precedent: In benching Emmanuel Forbes Jr., the first-round rookie cornerback who has struggled in coverage and with tackling, Rivera showed the development of young players cannot come at the detriment of the rest of the team.

"I think what we did with Emmanuel was kind of the indicator that we can't go through this anymore," Rivera said. "Now it's time. We have to continue to put the guys out there that we believe are going to get it done the right way.

"I'm disappointed that we let [fans] down," Rivera added. "And . . . a lot of it begins with me. I'm the head coach, and I'm going to make sure that when we get out there, we're doing the things the way we need to get them done. . . . We'll get those things corrected."

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Meltdown against Bears is putting heat on Rivera

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quickly than it had filled.

We will put Moore's final stat line here because it is staggering and symbolic of how thoroughly Washington's defense — identified by the head coach as its "calling card" — was decimated Thursday. And because it gives Harris more time to take a few breaths as he considers the future.

Moore, the former Maryland Terrapin, caught eight passes for 230 yards and those three scores. The Commanders, then, suffered what is unquestionably the worst loss of the extremely young Harris era. It would battle for status as the worst loss in Ron Rivera's three-plus seasons as coach.

"It starts at the top," Rivera said. "We've got to be better. That's on me."

That's both accurate and admirable, but what does ownership think? Oh, wait. What have we here?

"Tonight the Commanders played with no intensity or fire," Magic Johnson, one of Harris's minority partners, posted to social media. "We didn't compete in the first half and got down 27-3 heading into halftime."

That's not a memo from Harris's desk. But it's a memo from someone who has a seat at Harris's table — someone, it's worth pointing out, who knows something about intensity and fire.

"That's perception," offensive lineman Charles Leno Jr. said. "When you're down that much and that early, it looks like that."

Just perception? Maybe. But if it's perception coming from the owners' suite, it matters.

"I'd say that's a fair assessment," wide receiver Terry McLaurin said.

This was a performance that drew attention in all the wrong kind of ways. So here we are, in early October, with the heat on Rivera — and, mind you, on defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio — much earlier than it needed to be. Just four days earlier, the Commanders pushed the Eagles to overtime in Philadelphia, the rare NFL loss that in the moment felt like a step forward.

The only way to ensure it became an *actual* step forward: Crush the Bears. Stop their opening drive and score on your own. (Actual result: The Bears went 75 yards in six plays, and the Commanders went three-and-out.) Show that your defense is dominant and disruptive. (Actual result: Allow scores on Chicago's five first-half possessions, give up 451 yards and fail to create a turnover.) Move to 3-2 not with a struggle but with a statement. (Actual result: a third straight loss and a 2-3 mark.)

All that leads to inevitable talk of Rivera's future — a theme for the season, for sure, but a serious discussion that should have been delayed until December. Yes, there are 12 games left. But Harris can easily go back and look at the records and the progress before he took ownership: 7-9, 7-10, 8-8-1. Total record in Washington: 24-30-1. Meh. Absolute, complete meh.

So will there be changes? The Commanders have a week and a half before they play again in what now amounts to a must-win game at the Atlanta Falcons. This mini-bye would be a time to mull and scrutinize how they do things — and who does them.

"We'll see," Rivera said, and he absolutely seemed to be mulling things. "I'm not going to sit up here and talk about those things until we get an opportunity to break the tape down."

The tape will show a defense that not only didn't dictate the game's tempo and tenor but had it absolutely dictated to it. It's unlikely Harris would pull the plug on Rivera all of five games into his ownership tenure. But Rivera could decide to make Del Rio the culprit. The evidence is there. He could justify it.

Before Thursday night, the Commanders had allowed opponents to score on 52.4 percent of their possessions, second worst in the league — and then they proceeded to cough up three touchdowns and two field goals on the Bears' first five drives. By the end of the night, that percentage was up to 56.6 percent.

"We started slow as f---," defensive end Montez Sweat said.

"There's a standard that we're not playing to right now," defensive tackle Jonathan Allen said.

But is Del Rio the right person to get Washington to play to that standard? Entering Thursday, the Commanders were giving up 5.6 yards per play — 24th in the NFL. On Thursday, a Bears team that had averaged five yards per snap in the first four weeks suddenly managed seven. Del Rio's defense is now allowing 32 points per game — and has given up 30-plus points in each of the past four games.

This is the team's *strength*?

"We've got to look at the rotation of the players, look at what we do," Rivera said, "and make sure . . . we're putting them in position to be successful."

They are not succeeding.

Look, no one wants Harris making football decisions, even major ones: whom to take in the draft, whom to pursue in free agency, whom to have calling plays. But there are a few football matters that rest squarely on his desk: Who picks the players? And who coaches them?

Right now, both of those tasks fall to Rivera — a silly and unnecessary structure when former owner Daniel Snyder set it up that way but a challenge Rivera accepted. When his first-round draft pick, cornerback Emmanuel Forbes Jr., was roasted for a second straight week — and eventually benched — it's fair to wonder about the process.

This was avoidable. Given the way the offense moved the ball and put up points against the Eagles and given that the Bears couldn't approach Philadelphia's talent and cohesion, a win Thursday could have made Commanders fans excited about the possibilities to come. Up next: a four-game stretch of at the Falcons, at the New York Giants, home against the Eagles team they almost beat and at the New England Patriots. Getting to, say, 6-3 past the midway point was hardly implausible.

Instead, there is this: a head coach pledging to examine his entire operation before the next game and an owner who is gathering data points about the current infrastructure and where people might fit in the seasons to come — if they fit at all.

Will Rivera's scrutiny include himself?

"Absolutely," he said. "We evaluate everything."

As will, no doubt, the owner.

Amid uncertainty about future with team, Rooney misses United's practice

BY STEVEN GOFF

D.C. United Coach Wayne Rooney was not at Friday's training session, the day before the regular season finale against New York City FC and amid uncertainty whether he will return next year.

The club said it does expect Rooney to be on the sideline Saturday night at Audi Field.

A United spokesman said Rooney had a "last-minute conflict." His staff oversaw the morning workout at Inova Performance Complex in Leesburg, and assistant Pete Shuttleworth handled media responsibilities, as he has done on occasion this year.

It's not unusual for Rooney to hand off practice duties to his assistants, but the timing of this absence stood out. With a 3-0 defeat in Austin on Wednesday, United (9-14-10) lost almost all hope of qualifying for the MLS playoffs.

It has won once in the past 11 league matches (1-5-5), and although the 11th-place side sits one point out of the ninth and final berth in the Eastern Conference, D.C. would need to win Saturday and have many other results over the next few weeks go its way.

United has played more games than all other contenders, who won't complete their campaigns until Oct. 21. (In a 29-team league, one had to finish early.)

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Coach Wayne Rooney's guaranteed contract ends soon, and United officials remain mum on the topic.

Rooney, the former English superstar who played for United in 2018 and 2019, is in the final months of his guaranteed contract. There is an option in 2024, but both sides would need to agree to it.

Rooney has said he would like to continue the rebuilding project, which he undertook midway through the 2022 season after leaving his post at English club Derby County.

United, a four-time MLS Cup champion, has not advanced to the playoffs since 2019 and last won a postseason game in 2015.

This past summer, Rooney and his agent, Paul Stretford, tried initiating discussions about a long-term contract extension. The club was not responsive, Rooney said. United officials have not commented on Rooney's future, and people close to the matter said the team was taking a "wait-and-see approach."

On Wednesday, with co-owners Jason Levien and Steve Kaplan in attendance at Q2 Stadium, United conceded two goals in the first 21 minutes and was routed by an Austin side that hadn't won since mid-July.

Complicating Rooney's standing is United's search for a general manager, who will have considerable say in the direction of the club. United has narrowed its list of candidates and aims to hire someone soon, people familiar with the situation said.

Meanwhile, the team is looking to finish the regular season with a home victory after earning just six points (1-2-3) from its previous six games at Audi Field. D.C.'s 5-5-6 home record is among the five worst in MLS.

"In this league, if you pretty much win your home games or have good results, you're going to make the playoffs, and so that's been frustrating for us to not pick up more points at home," captain Steven Birnbaum said. "We want to do that for the fans, and we want to have a good last showing for them and leave a good taste in their mouth."

Even if it defeats NYCFC, United could be eliminated Saturday should Montreal win at home.

"We know we've got to win the game," Shuttleworth said. "And then we've just got to hope. It's out of our hands now. . . . It has been a good season, and we don't want to go out with a whimper."

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Washington plays OL Reign to a scoreless draw in Rapinoe's home farewell

SPIRIT 0, OL REIGN 0

BY GLYNN A. HILL

In the waning minutes of Friday's match against the Washington Spirit, OL Reign forward Megan Rapinoe charged upfield, beckoning for the ball from goalkeeper Claudia Dickey. She seemed poised to create late magic in front of a record crowd during the final regular season home match of her NWSL career.

Dickey didn't pass to Rapinoe, but the veteran forward stood over the ball for a set piece that amounted to the final play of the game. Rapinoe shipped the ball toward the area, but it never found the back of the net in a scoreless draw at Lumen Field in Seattle. The result keeps both sides' playoff hopes alive, though neither secured playoff passage in the penultimate regular season game.

"I am a little bit at a loss for words," Rapinoe said after the game. "I don't know who to thank other than every single person, but it's been such an incredible journey."

Friday's contest offered high stakes for two teams jockeying for playoff position. But the moment belonged to Rapinoe, the 38-year-old U.S. national team icon.

Ahead of Friday's game, OL Reign (8-4-8) opened additional seating at Lumen Field to accommodate demand. The match, originally scheduled for a 10 p.m. Eastern time kickoff, was moved to prime time to accommodate the moment.

Rapinoe's farewell tour began in July after she announced she would retire at the end of the season.

She was honored at a Seattle Storm game in August, and in September, she celebrated the end of her U.S. women's national team career during a friendly against South Africa in Chicago. She left that game to a standing ovation in the 54th minute.

Rapinoe received a similar show of appreciation after a September match in Portland, Ore., where she played college soccer. Within the past week, she threw the ceremonial first pitch at a Seattle Mariners game and was honored by the city, whose ferries bore "Forever Rapinoe" flags while local buildings glowed "Pinoe Pink" on Friday night.

At Lumen Field, heads of pink hair adorned the stands, as did posters and a large visual display thanking the star. Rapinoe entered the stadium fittingly donning all black. Before the game, a video tribute featuring tennis great Billie Jean King, former national team star Abby Wambach and second gentleman Douglas Emhoff highlighted the festivities.

When the match kicked off, Rapinoe instigated OL Reign's attack from the left flank, where she helped her side control the first half. The second half gave way to a more threatening Spirit attack that created opportunities into the final minute, when Dickey saved a pair of Trinity Rodman shots.

The Spirit (7-8-5) could have clinched a playoff spot with a win. Instead, it sits fourth ahead of its regular season finale Oct. 15 against the North Carolina Courage. OL Reign occupies the sixth and final postseason berth.

Courage at Spirit
Oct. 15, 5 p.m., Paramount Plus

HOWARD COUNTY GIRLS' SOCCER

Vikings capitalize on early goal chances to deal the Gladiators their first loss

MOUNT HEBRON 6, GLENELG 1

BY NICKY WOLCOTT

Mount Hebron girls' soccer coach Tim Deppen was satisfied with his team's stingy defense and the chances the offense created this season, but he wanted his attackers to be more clinical.

Deppen doesn't want his forwards to take their opportunities to score for granted. On Friday, the Vikings' offense took full advantage in front of the net.

Mount Hebron scored four goals in the opening half and handed Glenelg its first loss of the season, 6-1, in Ellicott City.

"They're learning and they're listening, and they're clearly putting that into practice on the field because they scored enough tonight to prove that point," Deppen said.

Iva Damyanova started the Vikings' first-half frenzy in the 14th minute with a strike from outside the penalty box that sailed over the goalkeeper's head and into the back of the net.

No. 5 Mount Hebron then used its offensive speed to repeatedly get behind the defense. Maria Brogno latched onto a long pass from Ellie Fiedler and doubled the Vikings' advantage in the 22nd minute.

"In the first couple of minutes, we saw that their back line was just going to let those direct balls go through, so I think that's where we really exploited it," Brogno said. "If we can keep capitalizing on those direct balls through the back line, like, we're fast, we're strong, we have the talent, we just got to finish them."

Brogno found herself in behind the Gladiators' defense again three minutes later and squared a pass to Ava Skaggs, who finished into an open net; Olivia Hoover then raced through and scored to give Mount Hebron a 4-0 lead at halftime.

Brogno and the Vikings continued their scoring spree early in the second half — the junior drove toward the net and smashed her second strike past the goalkeeper at the near post.

Even when No. 6 Glenelg (6-1-1) found the back of the net against a pesky Mount Hebron defense off a header by Aly Zulu in the 53rd minute, the Vikings immediately responded. Skaggs chased down Mount Hebron's long pass from the ensuing kickoff and recorded her second goal via a deflection to restore the Vikings' five-goal advantage seconds later.

Mount Hebron (8-1) has won eight consecutive games, including three in four days this week, since narrowly dropping its season opener against the nationally ranked McDonogh School, 2-1. Deppen said the Vikings' performance against the Owings Mills powerhouse gave them confidence, which has grown with each win since — especially Friday's comprehensive victory.

"One of our goals this season was to rack up more goals and have higher-scoring games," captain Ainsley Wilson said. "So to see that on paper and on the scoreboard is super rewarding, and it's really helping us stay together."

MONTGOMERY COUNTY NONLEAGUE FOOTBALL

With freshman taking over at quarterback, Warriors avoid three-game skid

SHERWOOD 28, DAMASCUS 21

BY MICHAEL ERRIGO

Sherwood Coach Andrew Fields waited until the final knee was down, until Friday's game against Damascus was well and truly over, to show his great relief. With a 28-21 win secured, Fields sprinted down his sideline, arm extended to give any and every one of his players a forceful high-five.

The much-needed victory was the culmination of an intense week for the Montgomery County program. The Warriors were coming off a double-overtime heartbreaker against Blake and a frustrating road loss to Gaithersburg. It was the first time since 2011 the school had dropped consecutive regular season games. Now Sherwood had to travel across the county to face one of Maryland's best programs and the defending 3A champion.

"This game was weighing on me," Fields said. "I don't know if I've ever lost three games in a row in my life. But these kids came through — they fought, they battled, and they showed who they are."

The week leading up to this game had been filled with changes for Sherwood, from the way daily practice was formatted to the hands under center. Freshman Matthew Larsen, the junior varsity starter, was informed Monday that he would be starting the varsity game. Junior Brendan Heyer, who had been starting but was out of position, would slide to a more comfortable two-way role.

"I was a bit nervous this morning," Larsen said. "But I calmed myself down with a reminder that I've been playing football for 10 years now. It's my life. This game was no different."

JULIA NIKHINSON FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Van Mahoney, left, had three touchdowns for Sherwood, which had lost back-to-back regular season games for the first time since 2011.

The Warriors looked like the hungrier team in the first half, playing with more speed and physicality than their hosts. Larsen, who showed poise all night, helped sustain two early scoring drives, hitting a few chunk plays off play action. Both drives ended with short runs, the first by junior Van Mahoney and the second from junior Gantt Hagins.

Damascus pieced together a touchdown drive of its own just before halftime, cutting Sherwood's lead to 14-7.

The Warriors (4-2) kept moving the ball in the second half, trading touchdowns with Damascus. Mahoney scored both, boosting his total to three on the night.

On the other side of the ball, the Warriors' defense kept Damascus's signature ground game in check, forcing the Hornets (4-2) to throw the ball and take more risks. With two minutes remaining and Damascus looking to mount a tying drive, Sherwood senior Leonardo Cantor made a game-sealing interception.

"The last two games were winnable, but I don't think we prepared the right way," Mahoney said. "This week we put together four good days of practice, and that transferred to the game."

After the final play of the night, Larsen approached the referees to ask for the game ball. They told him to wait: There was still time on the clock. So the teenage quarterback stood next to the crew of officials and watched the final seconds tick down, waiting patiently for his hard-earned souvenir.

"Yep, I got it," Larsen said later. "I'm going to keep this one."

VIRGINIA LIBERTY DISTRICT FOOTBALL

Highlanders use late touchdown to defeat Patriots for first time since 1996

MCLEAN 7, YORKTOWN 3

BY NOAH FERGUSON

Ethan Ball had no intention of throwing the football. With just 33 seconds left on the clock, McLean's junior quarterback saw just six yards standing in front of an unlikely come-from-behind win Friday against Yorktown, so he tucked the ball under his arm.

Ball's decision paid off. The junior rolled right and scrambled toward the end zone before stretching the ball over the goal line for a touchdown — McLean's first and only score of the evening. The Highlanders held on in the closing seconds for an improbable 7-3 win, the program's first over Yorktown since 1996.

"We took a long time to get going, but, I mean, all it took was one, and we got it," Ball said.

Just minutes earlier, a historic win for the Highlanders (6-0) seemed all but out of reach. McLean had been shut out all night and was reeling following the loss of starting offensive lineman Chris Johns, who suffered a serious leg injury in the fourth quarter that stopped the game for more than 20 minutes. After the game, Coach Joe Cockerham said he was heading to a hospital to meet with Johns and deliver the game ball.

With less than five minutes remaining, the host Highlanders forced a punt to give themselves one last try at maintaining their perfect record. Minutes later, Ball moved outside the pocket and fired a cross-body strike to sophomore wide receiver Malcolm Andrews, who rolled to the ground just inches from the end zone to set up Ball's touchdown scamper.

The late score elicited a rare roar from McLean's student section. A mob of students spilled onto the field to cheer with the team as the clock expired on senior night.

"There's just nothing like it," Ball said of the team's raucous celebration. "It gets you amped up and excited more than anything else. . . . The pressure, it makes it awesome."

Cockerham, in his second year leading the Highlanders, didn't hide his elation as his players and coaching staff sprinted toward the end zone. He hugged and high-fived dozens of students — soaking in a winning feeling that was hard to come by during the Highlanders' 1-9 campaign a season ago.

"Just pure joy, not for me, not for my staff, but for these kids, man," Cockerham said, gesturing toward the players and students jumping and screaming. "It's been a long time since they've tasted winning football around here and what that does for a community and what that does for a school."

SCOREBOARD

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL

NFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Philadelphia	4	0	0	1.000	118	90
Dallas	3	1	0	.750	124	41
Washington	2	3	0	.400	109	160
N.Y. Giants	1	3	0	.250	46	122

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	.750	84	68
Atlanta	2	2	0	.500	62	77
New Orleans	2	2	0	.500	62	76
Carolina	0	4	0	.000	67	102

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Detroit	3	1	0	.750	106	83
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500	100	96
Minnesota	1	3	0	.250	90	95
Chicago	1	4	0	.200	115	157

WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
San Francisco	4	0	0	1.000	125	58
Seattle	3	1	0	.750	111	91
L.A. Rams	2	2	0	.500	98	85
Arizona	1	3	0	.250	88	102

AFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Buffalo	3	1	0	.750	139	55
Miami	3	1	0	.750	150	119
N.Y. Jets	1	3	0	.250	62	84
New England	1	3	0	.250	55	97

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Houston	2	2	0	.500	96	79
Indianapolis	2	2	0	.500	97	99
Jacksonville	2	2	0	.500	80	82
Tennessee	2	2	0	.500	72	70

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	99	58
Cleveland	2	2	0	.500	76	60
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	.500	62	100
Cincinnati	1	3	0	.250	49	94

WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Kansas City	3	1	0	.750	101	60
L.A. Chargers	2	2	0	.500	110	104
Denver	1	3	0	.250	100	150
Las Vegas	1	3	0	.250	62	101

WEEK 5
THURSDAY'S RESULT
Chicago 40, at Washington 20

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Baltimore (-4½) at Pittsburgh, 1
Jacksonville vs. Buffalo (-5½) in London, 9:30 a.m.
Carolina at Detroit (-10), 1
Houston at Atlanta (-1½), 1
N.Y. Giants at Miami (-11½), 1
New Orleans (-1) at New England, 1
Tennessee (-2½) at Indianapolis, 1
Cincinnati (-3) at Arizona, 4:05
Philadelphia (-4½) at L.A. Rams, 4:05
Kansas City (-3½) at Minnesota, 4:25
N.Y. Jets at Denver (-2½), 4:25
Dallas at San Francisco (-3½), 8:20
BYE: Cleveland, L.A. Chargers, Seattle, Tampa Bay

MONDAY'S GAME
Green Bay (-1) at Las Vegas, 8:15

WEEK 6
THURSDAY'S GAME
Denver at Kansas City, 8:15

SUNDAY, OCT. 15
Washington at Atlanta, 1
Baltimore vs Tennessee in London, 9:30 a.m.
Carolina at Miami, 1
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 1
Minnesota at Chicago, 1
New Orleans at Houston, 1
San Francisco at Cleveland, 1
Seattle at Cincinnati, 1
New England at Las Vegas, 4:05
Arizona at L.A. Rams, 4:25
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 4:25
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, 4:25
N.Y. Giants at Buffalo, 8:20
BYE: Pittsburgh, Green Bay

MONDAY, OCT. 15
Dallas at L.A. Chargers, 8:15

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Cincinnati	19	5	8	65	54	37
Orlando City	16	7	9	57	50	37
Philadelphia	15	8	9	54	56	39
Columbus	15	9	8	53	64	44
New England	14	7	10	52	52	39
Atlanta	13	9	10	49	63	50
Nashville	12	10	9	45	36	29
Chicago	10	12	10	40	39	48
CF Montréal	11	16	5	38	31	49
New York City FC	8	10	14	38	34	37
D.C. United	9	14	10	37	43	49
New York	9	13	10	37	32	39
Charlotte FC	8	11	12	36	40	50
Inter Miami CF	9	16	6	33	39	50
Toronto FC	4	18	10	22	26	54

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis City SC	17	11	5	56	62	43
Seattle	13	9	10	49	39	32
Los Angeles FC	13	10	9	48	49	36
Real Salt Lake	13	11	7	46	43	45
Vancouver	12	10	10	46	54	47
Houston	12	11	9	45	43	36
Portland	11	11	10	43	44	51
San Jose	10	10	12	42	37	41
FC Dallas	10	10	11	41	35	34
Austin FC	10	14	8	38	46	50
Sporting KC	10	14	8	38	42	48
Minnesota United	9	12	11	38	40	46
LA Galaxy	8	12	11	35	46	56
Colorado	5	15	11	26	24	47

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
at Austin FC 3, D.C. United 0
at Charlotte FC 3, Toronto FC 0
New York 2, at Cincinnati 1
Houston 1, at CF Montréal 1
Columbus 2, at New England 1
at Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 2
at Chicago 4, Miami 1
Orlando City 1, at Nashville 0
at Los Angeles FC 5, Minnesota 1
at Seattle 2, LA Galaxy 1
at Vancouver 3, St. Louis City SC 0
Colorado at FC Dallas ppd.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
New York City FC at D.C. United, 7:30
Columbus at Atlanta, 7:30
Cincinnati at Miami, 7:30
Portland at CF Montréal, 7:30
Toronto FC at New York, 7:30
New England at Orlando City, 7:30
Nashville at Philadelphia, 7:30
Los Angeles FC at Austin FC, 8:30
Charlotte FC at Chicago, 8:30
San Jose at FC Dallas, 8:30
Colorado at Houston, 8:30
LA Galaxy at Minnesota, 8:30
Sporting KC at Real Salt Lake, 9:30
Vancouver at Seattle, 10:30

SATURDAY, OCT. 14
New England at Nashville, 8:30
Real Salt Lake at LA Galaxy, 10:30

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18
Charlotte FC at Miami, 8

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Diego	10	7	3	33	29	22
Portland	9	6	5	32	40	27
Gotham FC	8	6	6	30	23	21
Washington	7	5	9	30	26	28
North Carolina	8	7	5	29	28	22
OL Reign	8	8	5	29	26	24
Orlando	9	11	1	28	26	28
Louisville	6	6	9	27	25	22
Houston	6	6	8	26	15	15
Angel City	6	7	7	25	24	28
Chicago	7	10	3	24	25	41
Kansas City	7	12	1	22	22	31

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Houston 2, at Gotham FC 0
North Carolina 1, at OL Reign 1

MONDAY'S RESULT
Orlando 1, at Angel City 0

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 0, at OL Reign 0
at Louisville 3, Orlando 2

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Gotham FC at Portland, 5
San Diego at North Carolina, 7
Chicago at Kansas City, 8

SUNDAY'S MATCH
Angel City at Houston, 7

SUNDAY, OCT. 15
North Carolina at Washington, 5
Kansas City at Gotham FC, 5
Houston at Orlando, 5
OL Reign at Chicago, 5
Portland at Angel City, 5
Louisville at San Diego, 5

END OF REGULAR SEASON

BASEBALL

MLB playoffs

FIRST ROUND
Best of three

NATIONAL LEAGUE
DIAMONDBACKS ELIMINATED BREWERS, 2-0
Game 1: Arizona 6, at Milwaukee 3
Game 2: Arizona 5, at Milwaukee 2

PHILLIES ELIMINATED MARLINS, 2-0
Game 1: at Philadelphia 4, Miami 1
Game 2: at Philadelphia 7, Miami 1

AMERICAN LEAGUE
RANGERS ELIMINATED RAYS, 2-0
Game 1: Texas 4, at Tampa Bay 0
Game 2: Texas 7, at Tampa Bay 1

TWINS ELIMINATED BLUE JAYS, 2-0
Game 1: at Minnesota 3, Toronto 1
Game 2: at Minnesota 2, Toronto 0

DIVISION SERIES
Best of five; x-If necessary

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BRAVES VS. PHILLIES
Saturday's game: Philadelphia (Suarez 4-6) at Atlanta (Strider 20-5), 6:07 (TBS)
Monday's game: Philadelphia (Wheeler 13-6) at Atlanta, 6:07 (TBS)
Wednesday's game: Atlanta at Philadelphia (Nola 12-9), 5:07 (TBS)
x-Thursday's game: Atlanta at Philadelphia, 6:07 (TBS)
x-Saturday, Oct. 14: Philadelphia at Atlanta, 6:07 (TBS)

DODGERS VS. DIAMONDBACKS
Saturday's game: Arizona (Kelly 12-8) at Los Angeles (Kershaw 13-5), 9:20 (TBS)
Monday's game: Arizona at Los Angeles, 9:07 (TBS)
Wednesday's game: Los Angeles at Arizona, 9:07 (TBS)
x-Thursday's game: Los Angeles at Arizona, 9:07 (TBS)
x-Saturday, Oct. 14: Arizona at Los Angeles, 9:20 (TBS)

AMERICAN LEAGUE
ORIOLES VS. RANGERS
Saturday's game: Heaney (10-6) at Baltimore (Bradish 12-7), 1:03 (FS1)
Sunday's game: Texas (Montgomery 10-11) at Baltimore (Rodriguez 7-4), 4:07 (FS1)
Tuesday's game: Baltimore at Texas, 8:03 (Fox)
x-Wednesday's game: Baltimore at Texas, 7:07 (FS1)
x-Friday's game: Texas at Baltimore, 8:03 (FS1)

ASTROS VS. TWINS
Saturday's game: Minnesota (Ober 8-6) at Houston (Verlander 13-8), 4:45 (FS1)
Sunday's game: Minnesota (Lopez 11-8) at Houston (Valdez 12-11), 8:03 (FS1)
Tuesday's game: Houston at Minnesota, 4:07 (Fox)
x-Wednesday's game: Houston at Minnesota, 2:07 (FS1)
x-Friday's game: Minnesota at Houston, 4:07 (FS1)

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
Best of seven; x-If necessary

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Monday, Oct. 16:
Tuesday, Oct. 17:
Thursday, Oct. 19:
Friday, Oct. 20:
x-Saturday, Oct. 21:
x-Monday, Oct. 23:
x-Tuesday, Oct. 24:

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Sunday, Oct. 15:
Monday, Oct. 16:
Wednesday, Oct. 18:
Thursday, Oct. 19:
x-Friday, Oct. 20:
x-Sunday, Oct. 22:
x-Monday, Oct. 23:

WORLD SERIES
Best of seven; x-If necessary
Friday, Oct. 27:
Saturday, Oct. 28:
Monday, Oct. 30:
Tuesday, Oct. 31:
x-Wednesday, Nov. 1:
x-Friday, Nov. 3:
x-Saturday, Nov. 4:

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Cup Series

SCHEDULE-WINNERS
Feb. 16: x-Duel at Daytona 1 (Joey Logano)
Feb. 16: x-Duel at Daytona 2 (Aric Almirola)
Feb. 19: Daytona 500 (Ricky Stenhouse Jr.)
Feb. 26: Pala Casino 400 (Kyle Busch)
March 5: Pennzoil 400 (William Byron)
March 12: Work United 500 (William Byron)
March 19: Ambetter 400 (Joey Logano)
March 26: EchoPark Automotive Grand Prix (Tyler Reddick)
April 2: Toyota Owners 400 (Kyle Larson)
April 8: x-Qualifying Race 1 (Austin Dillon)
April 8: x-Qualifying Race 2 (Ryan Blaney)
April 8: x-Qualifying Race 3 (Kyle Larson)
April 8: x-Qualifying Race 4 (Bubba Wallace)
April 9: Food City Dirt Race (Christopher Bell)
April 16: NOCO 400 (Kyle Larson)
April 23: Geico 500 (Kyle Busch)
April 30: Würth 400 (Martin Truex Jr.)
May 7: AdventHealth 400 (Denny Hamlin)
May 14: Goodyear 400 (William Byron)
May 20: x-Heat Race 1 (Daniel Suárez)
May 20: x-Heat Race 2 (Chris Buescher)
May 21: x-NASCAR All-Star Open (Josh Berry)
May 21: NASCAR All-Star Race (Kyle Larson)
May 28: Coca-Cola 600 (Ryan Blaney)
June 4: Enjoy Illinois 300 (Kyle Busch)
June 11: Toyota/Save Mart 350 (Martin Truex Jr.)
June 25: Ally 400 (Ross Chastain)
July 2: Grant Park 220 (Shane van Gisbergen)
July 9: Quaker State 400 (William Byron)
July 16: Crayon 301 (Martin Truex Jr.)
July 23: HighPoint.com 400 (Denny Hamlin)
July 30: Cook Out 400 (Chris Buescher)
Aug. 7: FireKeepers Casino 400 (Chris Buescher)
Aug. 13: Verizon 200 at the Brickyard (Michael McDowell)
Aug. 20: Go Bowling at The Glen (William Byron)
Aug. 26: Coke Zero Sugar 400 (Chris Buescher)
Sept. 3: Southern 500 (Kyle Larson)
Sept. 10: Hollywood Casino 400 (Tyler Reddick)
Sept. 16: Bass Pro Shops Night Race (Denny Hamlin)
Sept. 24: EchoPark Automotive 400 (William Byron)
Oct. 1: YellaWood 500 (Ryan Blaney)
Oct. 8: Roval 400, Concord, N.C.
Oct. 15: South Point 400, Las Vegas
Oct. 22: NASCAR Cup Series Race, Homestead, Fla.
Oct. 29: Xfinity 500, Ridgeway, Va.
Nov. 5: NASCAR Cup Series Race Championship, Avondale, Ariz.
x-Non-points race

NASCAR Cup Series

POINTS LEADERS
Through Monday
1. William Byron, 3136.
2. Denny Hamlin, 3108.
3. Christopher Bell, 3080.
4. Ryan Blaney, 3078.
5. Chris Buescher, 3077.
6. Martin Truex Jr, 3075.
7. Kyle Larson, 3073.
8. Brad Keselowski, 3060.
9. Tyler Reddick, 3058.
10. Bubba Wallace, 3051.
11. Ross Chastain, 3050.
12. Kyle Busch, 3034.
13. Joey Logano, 2111.
14. Ricky Stenhouse Jr, 2111.
15. Michael McDowell, 2103.
16. Kevin Harvick, 2103.
17. Chase Elliott, 710.
18. Daniel Suárez, 675.
19. Ty Gibbs, 655.
20. Alex Bowman, 627.
21. AJ Allmendinger, 589.
22. Aric Almirola, 549.
23. Austin Cindric, 545.
24. Justin Haley, 534.
25. Ryan Preece, 529.
26. Corey LaJoie, 527.
27. Erik Jones, 508.
28. Todd Gilliland, 481.
29. Chase Briscoe, 440.
30. Austin Dillon, 432.
31. Harrison Burton, 388.
32. Ty Dillon, 310.
33. Noah Gragson, 199.
34. Cody Ware, 65.
35. Jenson Button, 45.
36. Ryan Newman, 35.
37. Andy Lally, 32.
38. Mike Rockenfeller, 31.
39. Travis Pastrana, 26.
40. Jordan Taylor, 16.

Formula One

QATAR GRAND PRIX LINEUP
After Friday qualifying; race Sunday.
At Losail International Circuit; in Doha, Qatar.
Lap length: 5.40 kilometers

THIRD SESSION
1. Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull Racing, 1 minute, 23.778 seconds.
2. George Russell, Great Britain, Mercedes, 1:24.219.
3. Oscar Piastri, Australia, McLaren, 1:24.228.
4. Lewis Hamilton, Great Britain, Mercedes, 1:24.305.
5. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Aston Martin, 1:24.369.
6. Charles Leclerc, Monaco, Ferrari, 1:24.424.
7. Pierre Gasly, France, Alpine, 1:24.553.
8. Esteban Ocon, France, Alpine, 1:24.763.
9. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Alfa Romeo Racing, 1:25.058.
10. Lando Norris, Great Britain, McLaren, 1:24.074.

ELIMINATED AFTER SECOND SESSION
11. Yuki Tsunoda, Japan, Alphatauri, 1:25.301.
12. Carlos Sainz Jr, Spain, Ferrari, 1:25.328.
13. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Red Bull Racing, 1:25.462.
14. Alexander Albon, Thailand, Williams, 1:25.707.
15. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Haas, 1:25.783.

ELIMINATED AFTER FIRST SESSION
16. Logan Sargeant, USA, Williams, 1:26.210.
17. Lance Stroll, Canada, Aston Martin, 1:26.345.
18. Liam Lawson, New Zealand, Alphatauri, 1:26.635.
19. Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, Haas, 1:27.046.
20. Guanyu Zhou, China, Alfa Romeo Racing, 1:27.432.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NCAA

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
SOUTH
Jacksonville State 45, at Middle Tennessee 30

WEST
at New Mexico State 34, FIU 17

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
SOUTH
at Liberty 21, Sam Houston State 16
Western Kentucky 35, at Louisiana Tech 28

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
EAST
at Harvard 41, Cornell 23

MIDWEST
Nebraska 20, at Illinois 7

SOUTHWEST
at Oklahoma State 29, Kansas State 21

SATURDAY'S GAMES
EAST
Toledo (4-1) at Massachusetts (1-5), noon
Sacred Heart (1-4) at LIU Brooklyn (0-4), noon
Boston College (2-3) at Army (2-2), noon
Rhode Island (3-2) at Brown (2-1), noon
Marist (2-2) at Columbia (1-2), 12:30
Delaware State (1-4) at CCSU (1-3), 1
Stonehill (2-3) at Merrimack (2-3), 1
Holy Cross (3-2) at Bucknell (1-3), 1
Stony Brook (0-5) at Morgan State (1-4), 1
Georgetown (3-2) at Penn (2-1), 1
Lehigh (1-4) at Fordham (3-2), 1
Lafayette (4-1) at Princeton (2-1), 1
Yale (1-2) at Dartmouth (2-1), 1:30
Central Michigan (3-2) at Buffalo (1-4), 2
UTSA (1-3) at Temple (2-3), 2
Duquesne (2-2) at Delaware (3-1), 3
North Texas (2-2) at Navy (1-3), 3:30
Albany (N.Y.) (3-2) at Towson (2-3), 4

SOUTH
William & Mary (4-1) at Virginia (0-5), noon
Western Michigan (2-3) at Mississippi State (2-3), noon
Dayton (2-3) at Morehead State (1-3), 1
Samford (2-3) at Wofford (0-5), 1:30
The Citadel (0-5) at Furman (3-1), 2
North Carolina Central (4-1) at Elon (3-2), 2
Marshall (4-0) at North Carolina State (3-2), 2
Campbell (2-3) at Hampton (3-1), 2
Bethune Cookman (1-3) at Alabama State (1-3), 3
Tennessee State (2-2) at Kennesaw State (1-4), 3
Grambling State (3-2) at Alcorn State (2-3), 3:30
Texas State (4-1) at Louisiana Lafayette (3-2), 3:30
Maine (1-4) at Richmond (2-3), 3:30
Virginia Tech (2-3) at Florida State (4-0), 3:30
Mercer (3-2) at ETSU (1-3), 3:30
Syracuse (4-1) at North Carolina (4-0), 3:30
Wake Forest (3-1) at Clemson (3-2), 3:30
Western Carolina (4-1) at Chattanooga (4-1), 4
Villanova (3-2) at North Carolina A&T (1-3), 4
Robert Morris (2-3) at Gardner Webb (1-3), 4
Arkansas State (3-2) at Troy (3-2), 4
Vanderbilt (2-4) at Florida (3-2), 4
South Florida (3-2) at UAB (1-4), 4
Houston Christian (2-3) at Nicholls (1-3), 4
Tulsa (3-2) at FAU (1-3), 6
South Alabama (2-3) at Louisiana Monroe (2-2), 7
Kentucky (5-0) at Georgia (5-0), 7
Old Dominion (2-3) at Southern Mississippi (1-4), 7
Florida A&M (4-1) at Southern (2-2), 7
Arkansas (2-3) at Mississippi (4-1), 7:30
Notre Dame (5-1) at Louisville (5-0), 7:30
Georgia Tech (2-3) at Miami (4-0), 8

MIDWEST
Maryland (5-0) at Ohio State (4-0), noon
Rutgers (4-1) at Wisconsin (3-1), noon
LSU (3-2) at Missouri (5-0), noon
Howard (2-2) at Northwestern (2-3), 3
Kent State (1-4) at Ohio (4-1), 3:30
Purdue (2-3) at Iowa (4-1), 3:30
Northern Illinois (1-4) at Akron (1-4), 3:30
Bowling Green (2-3) at Miami (Ohio) (4-1), 3:30
Ball State (1-4) at Eastern Michigan (2-3), 3:30
UCF (3-2) at Kansas (4-1), 4
Southern Illinois (4-0) at Youngstown State (2-2), 6
Northern Iowa (2-2) at Indiana State (0-4), 7
South Dakota State (4-0) at Illinois State (3-1), 7
Michigan (5-0) at Minnesota (3-2), 7:30
TCU (3-2) at Iowa State (2-3), 8

SOUTHWEST
Texas (5-0) vs. Oklahoma (5-0) at Dallas, noon
Alabama (4-1) at Texas A&M (4-1), 3:30
Connecticut (0-5) at Rice (3-2), 5
Texas Tech (2-3) at Baylor (2-3), 8

WEST
Washington State (4-0) at UCLA (3-1), 3
Colorado (3-2) at Arizona State (1-4), 6:30
Montana (4-1) at UC Davis (3-2), 7
San Jose State (1-4) at Boise State (2-3), 8
Fresno State (5-0) at Wyoming (4-1), 8
Northern Arizona (1-4) at Weber State (3-2), 8
Colorado State (2-2) at Utah State (2-3), 8
Idaho (4-1) at Cal Poly (2-3), 8
Oregon State (4-1) at California (3-2), 10
Arizona (3-2) at Southern Cal (5-0), 10:30

Oklahoma State 29, Kansas State 21

KANSAS STATE	0	7	8	6	— 21
OKLAHOMA STATE	10	10	6	3	— 29

FIRST QUARTER
OKST: Gordon 2 run (Hale kick), 7:54.
OKST: FG Hale 43, :04.

SECOND QUARTER
KSU: Sinnott 1 pass from Howard (Tennant kick), 11:59.
OKST: FG Hale 34, :55.
OKST: Epps 35 interception return (Hale kick), :34.

THIRD QUARTER
OKST: FG Hale 53, 12:03.
OKST: FG Hale 31, 4:47.
KSU: T.Ward 11 run (Howard run), :17.

FOURTH QUARTER
OKST: FG Hale 25, 11:31.
KSU: Howard 6 run (pass failed), 8:56.

	Kansas State	Oklahoma State
First Downs	18	20
Total Net Yards	372	412
Rushes-Yards	38-220	40-174
Passing	152	238
Punt Returns	1-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns	1-15	2-48
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	3-48
Comp-Att-Int	15-34-3	20-36-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-8	0-0
Punts	4-48.5	3-40.333
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-32	5-45
Time Of Possession	25:41	34:42

PASSING
Kansas State: Howard 15-34-3-152. **Oklahoma State:** Bowman 19-35-0-235, Presley 1-1-0-3.

RUSHING
Kansas State: Howard 11-85, Giddens 16-65, Ward 9-59, Brooks 2-11. **Oklahoma State:** Gordon 21-136, Nixon 5-14, Bowman 5-14, Presley 2-11, Collins 2-6, Jo.Johnson 1-0, (Team) 4-(minus 7).

RECEIVING
Kansas State: Sinnott 4-39, Giddens 4-28, Brooks 3-50, K.Johnson 2-31, Ja.Jackson 1-2, Jones 1-2. **Oklahoma State:** Owens 5-75, Bray 4-77, Presley 4-40, Jo.Johnson 3-31, Green 1-10, Gordon 1-5, Bowman 1-3, Cassity 1-(minus 3).

Liberty 21, Sam Houston State 16

Late Thursday

SAM HOUSTON STATE	10	0	6	0	— 16
LIBERTY	7	14	0	0	— 21

FIRST QUARTER
LIB: Salter 10 run (N.Brown kick), 12:52.
SHSU: Woodard 7 pass from Shoemaker (Sessums kick), 6:46.
SHSU: FG Sessums 33, 4:27.

SECOND QUARTER
LIB: Cooley 1 run (N.Brown kick), 14:54.
LIB: Daniels 51 pass from Salter (N.Brown kick), 2:21.

THIRD QUARTER
SHSU: Woodard 20 pass from Shoemaker (pass failed), 4:36.
Attendance: 17,100.

	Sam Houston State	Liberty
First Downs	19	19
Total Net Yards	327	448
Rushes-Yards	22-72	43-191
Passing	255	257
Punt Returns	1--1	0-0
Kickoff Returns	2-26	4-77
Interceptions Ret.	1-24	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	27-42-1	11-19-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-6	2-13
Punts	6-43.667	5-42.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-25	8-79
Time Of Possession	27:33	32:28

PASSING
Sam Houston State: Shoemaker 27-41-1-255, (Team) 0-1-0-0. **Liberty:** Salter 11-19-1-257.

RUSHING
Sam Houston State: Shoemaker 7-52, M.Phillips 1-8, Gentry 4-8, T.Weaver 2-3, L.Brown 2-3, Pannell 2-2, (Team) 1-(minus 2), N.Smith 3-(minus 2). **Liberty:** Cooley 17-106, Salter 12-38, Bedgood 8-33, Jointer 5-15, (Team) 1-(minus 1).

RECEIVING
Sam Houston State: N.Smith 13-97, M.Phillips 5-94, Woodard 4-46, L.Brown 2-8, Sherrard 1-4, T.Weaver 1-4, Gentry 1-2. **Liberty:** Daniels 5-157, Henderson 2-23, Smoot 1-39, Sibley 1-32, Hanshaw 1-5, Venn 1-1.

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA preseason

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	0	0	.000	—
Brooklyn	0	0	.000	—
New York	0	0	.000	—
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	—
Toronto	0	0	.000	—

SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	0	0	.000	—
Charlotte	0	0	.000	—
Miami	0	0	.000	—
Orlando	0	0	.000	—
Washington	0	0	.000	—

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	0	0	.000	—
Cleveland	0	0	.000	—
Detroit	0	0	.000	—
Indiana	0	0	.000	—
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	—

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	0	0	.000	—
Memphis	0	0	.000	—
New Orleans	0	0	.000	—
San Antonio	0	0	.000	—
Dallas	0	1	.000	½

NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	1	0	1.000	—
Denver	0	0	.000	½
Oklahoma City	0	0	.000	½
Portland	0	0	.000	½
Utah	0	0	.000	½

PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	0	0	.000	—
L.A. Clippers	0	0	.000	—
L.A. Lakers	0	0	.000	—
Phoenix	0	0	.000	—
Sacramento	0	0	.000	—

THURSDAY'S RESULT
Minnesota 111, Dallas 99 in Abu Dhabi

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
No games scheduled.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Dallas vs Minnesota, noon, in Abu Dhabi
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 8:30

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Chicago at Milwaukee, 1
Phoenix at Detroit, 3
Philadelphia at Boston, 6
Indiana at Memphis, 8
Toronto vs Sacramento, 8, in Vancouver
L.A. Clippers vs Utah, 9, in Honolulu

MONDAY'S GAMES
Boston at New York, 7:30
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8
L.A. Lakers vs Brooklyn, 9, in Las Vegas

WNBA playoffs

FIRST ROUND
Best of three

LIBERTY ELIMINATED MYSTICS, 2-0
Game 1: at New York 90, Washington 75
Game 2: at New York 90, Washington 85 (OT)

ACES ELIMINATED SKY, 2-0
Game 1: at Las Vegas 87, Chicago 59
Game 2: at Las Vegas 92, Chicago 70

SUN ELIMINATED LYNX, 2-1
Game 1: at Connecticut 90, Minnesota 60
Game 2: Minnesota 82, at Connecticut 75
Game 3: Connecticut 90, at Minnesota 75

WINGS ELIMINATED DREAM, 2-0
Game 1: at Dallas 94, Atlanta 82
Game 2: at Dallas 101, Atlanta 74

SEMIFINALS
Best of five

LIBERTY ELIMINATED SUN, 3-1
Game 1: Connecticut 78, at New York 63
Game 2: at New York 84, Connecticut 77
Game 3: New York 92, at Connecticut 81
Game 4: New York 87, at Connecticut 84

ACES ELIMINATED WINGS, 3-0
Game 1: at Las Vegas 97, Dallas 83
Game 2: at Las Vegas 91, Dallas 84
Game 3: Las Vegas 64, at Dallas 61

FINALS
Best of five; x-If necessary

ACES VS. LIBERTY
Sunday's game: Las Vegas at New York, 3 (ABC)
Wednesday's game: Las Vegas at New York, 9 (ESPN)
Sunday, Oct. 15: New York at Las Vegas, 3 (ABC)
x-Wednesday, Oct. 18: New York at Las Vegas, 8 (ESPN)
x-Friday, Oct. 20: Las Vegas at New York, 9 (ESPN)

TENNIS

ATP/WTA

CHINA OPEN
At National Tennis Center; in Beijing
Purse: $3,633,875
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

WOMEN'S SINGLES — QUARTERFINALS
Iga Swiatek (2), Poland, def. Caroline Garcia (9), France, 6-7 (10-8), 7-6 (7-5), 6-1; Coco Gauff (3), United States, def. Maria Sakkari (6), Greece, 6-2, 6-4; Liudmila Samsonova, Russia, def. Jelena Ostapenko (13), Latvia, 6-3, 6-2; Elena Rybakina (5), Kazakhstan, def. Aryna Sabalenka (1), Belarus, 7-5, 6-2.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — QUARTERFINALS
Ingrid Martins and Luisa Stefani, Brazil, def. Vera Zvonareva, Russia, and Laura Siegemund (8), Germany, 6-2, 6-3; Sara Sorribes Tormo, Spain, and Marie Bouzkova, Czech Republic, def. Nicole Melichar-Martinez, United States, and Ellen Perez, Australia, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5).

ATP

SHANGHAI MASTERS
At Qizhong Forest Sports City Arena; in Shanghai
Purse: $8,800,000
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

SINGLES — ROUND OF 64
Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, def. Tallon Griekspoor (23), Netherlands, 6-4, 3-2, ret; Casper Ruud (8), Norway, def. Yoshihito Nishioka, Japan, 7-5, 6-0; Fabian Marozsan, Hungary, def. Alex de Minaur (11), Australia, 6-3, 7-5; Christopher Eubanks (29), United States, def. Yannick Hanfmann, Germany, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; Brandon Nakashima, United States, def. Holger Rune (3), Denmark, 6-0, 6-2; Francisco Cerundolo (20), Argentina, def. Mackenzie McDonald, United States, 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-5); Yu Hsiou Hsu, Taiwan, def. Lorenzo Musetti (17), Italy, 6-3, 6-4; Marton Fucsovics, Hungary, def. Felix Auger-Aliassime (14), Canada, 7-6 (7-3), 4-6, 6-3; Ben Shelton (19), United States, def. Jaume Munar, Spain, 6-4, 6-4; Hubert Hurkacz (16), Poland, def. Thanasi Kokkinakis, Australia, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4; Sebastian Baez (25), Argentina, def. Dane Sweeny, Australia, 6-2, 6-4; Zhang Zhizhen, China, def. Tomas Martin Etcheverry (28), Argentina, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; Sebastian Korda (26), United States, def. Bu Yunchaokete, China, 6-1, 6-4; Roman Safiullin, Russia, def. Alexander Zverev (9), Germany, 6-3, 6-1.

DOUBLES — ROUND OF 128
Lucas Miedler and Alexander Erler, Austria, def. Adrian Mannarino and Ugo Humbert, France, 6-2, 6-2; Maximo Gonzalez and Andres Molteni (5), Argentina, def. Hugo Nys, Monaco, and Jan Zielinski, Poland, 6-4, 6-4; Gonzalo Escobar, Ecuador, and Aleksandr Nedovyesov, Kazakhstan, def. Harri Heliovaara, Finland, and Lloyd Glasspool, Britain, 6-4, 6-4; Marcel Granollers, Spain, and Horacio Zeballos (7), Argentina, def. Sander Gille and Joran Vliegen, Belgium, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3).

TRANSACTIONS

NBA
Brooklyn Nets: Waived Gs Kameron Hankerson and Trey McGowens.

NFL
Houston Texans: Released DE Derek Rivers.
Miami Dolphins: Acquired WR Chase Claypool from Chicago in exchange for a 2025 sixth-round draft pick, pending a physical. Placed LT Terron Armstead on injured reserve.

NHL
Carolina Hurricanes: Placed D Caleb Jones on waivers.
Columbus Blue Jackets: Placed D Marcus Bjork on waivers.
Florida Panthers: Loaned G Spencer Knight to Charlotte (AHL). Placed LW Grigori Denisenko, D Matt Kiersted, RW William Lockwood and F Alex True on waivers.
New York Rangers: Reassigned LW Brennan Othmann to Hartford (AHL).
Philadelphia Flyers: Placed RW Wade Allison on waivers.
Washington Capitals: Recalled G Mitchell Gibson from Hershey (AHL). Placed RW Nicolas Aube-Kubel, G Hunter Shepard, Cs Alex Limoges, Riley Sutter and Michael Sgarbossa, LW Joe Snively and Ds Dylan McIlrath and Chase Priskie on waivers. Reassigned C Ethen Frank to Hershey.

MLS
MLS: Fined New York Red Bulls M Luquinhas an undisclosed amount for violating the simulation-embellishment policy during an Oct. 4 match against FC Cincinnati. Fined the New York Red Bulls an undisclosed amount for violating the league's public criticism policy following a Sept. 30 match against Chicago Fire.
Minnesota United FC: Announced the departure of Coach Adrian Heath. Named assistant coach Sean McCauley as interim head coach.

HOCKEY

NHL preseason

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	7	6	1	0	12	23	12
Toronto	7	4	1	2	10	23	19
Detroit	7	4	2	1	9	25	19
Tampa Bay	6	4	2	0	8	18	16
Florida	7	4	3	0	8	23	17
Boston	6	2	2	2	6	15	17
Buffalo	7	3	4	0	6	22	27
Montreal	5	2	3	0	4	13	16

METROPOLITAN	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	7	7	0	0	14	30	13
Washington	5	3	1	1	7	18	18
Philadelphia	6	3	2	1	7	15	17
Columbus	7	3	3	1	7	23	23
Pittsburgh	7	3	3	1	7	20	20
Carolina	6	3	3	0	6	16	17
N.Y. Islanders	6	2	4	0	4	16	22
N.Y. Rangers	6	1	5	0	2	12	21

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	6	4	1	1	9	23	13
Minnesota	5	4	1	0	8	15	15
St. Louis	7	3	2	2	8	18	20
Chicago	5	2	1	2	6	11	15
Arizona	8	3	5	0	6	23	27
Winnipeg	6	2	3	1	5	14	15
Colorado	6	2	4	0	4	16	20
Nashville	6	1	4	1	3	13	22

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	8	6	1	1	13	26	21
Edmonton	8	5	2	1	11	21	18
x-Calgary	7	4	2	1	9	27	22
Anaheim	7	4	3	0	8	22	22
Seattle	6	3	2	1	7	14	15
San Jose	6	2	2	2	6	15	16
Vegas	6	2	3	1	5	14	18
x-Vancouver	5	1	3	1	3	8	19

x-Late game

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 4, at Columbus 2
at Los Angeles 4, San Jose 3 (OT)
at Toronto 4, Detroit 3 (OT)
at Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Islanders 2
Florida 6, at Tampa Bay 3
Boston 3, at N.Y. Rangers 1
St. Louis 4, at Dallas 0
Ottawa 3, at Winnipeg 0
at Nashville 5, Carolina 1
Minnesota 3, at Chicago 2 (SO)
Arizona 4, at Anaheim 2
at Vegas 4, Colorado 3

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
New Jersey 3, at N.Y. Islanders 0
Pittsburgh 7, at Buffalo 4
at Carolina 4, Nashville 1
at Edmonton 3, Seattle 1
Calgary at Vancouver, late

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Columbus at Washington, 7
Vegas at Los Angeles, 4
Anaheim vs. Arizona at Tucson Arena, 6
Dallas at Minnesota, 6
Tampa Bay at Florida, 6
Montreal at Ottawa, 7
Toronto at Detroit, 7
Chicago at St. Louis, 8

Devils 3, Islanders 0

NEW JERSEY	1	2	0	— 3
N.Y. ISLANDERS	0	0	0	— 0

FIRST PERIOD
Scoring: 1, New Jersey, Willman 1 (Hatakka, Lazar), 6:29.

SECOND PERIOD
Scoring: 2, New Jersey, Bahl 1 (Schmelzer, Mercer), 6:18. 3, New Jersey, Nemec 1, 8:34 (sh).

SHOTS ON GOAL

NEW JERSEY	12	4	15	— 31
N.Y. ISLANDERS	11	12	7	— 30

Power-play opportunities: New Jersey 0 of 3; N.Y. Islanders 0 of 4. **Goalies:** New Jersey, Schmid 1-0-0 (30 shots-30 saves). N.Y. Islanders, Sorokin 0-1-0 (30-27). **A:** 10,978 (17,113). **T:** 2:22.

Hurricanes 4, Predators 1

NASHVILLE	0	1	0	— 1
CAROLINA	1	1	2	— 4

FIRST PERIOD
Scoring: 1, Carolina, Teravainen 1 (Orlov, Necas), 5:34 (pp).

SECOND PERIOD
Scoring: 2, Nashville, Trenin 1 (Barrie, McCarron), 13:58. 3, Carolina, Jarvis 1 (Aho), 19:08.

THIRD PERIOD
Scoring: 4, Carolina, Necas 1 (Teravainen, Kotkaniemi), 15:22. 5, Carolina, Bunting 1 (Aho), 15:45.

SHOTS ON GOAL

NASHVILLE	5	11	7	— 23
CAROLINA	13	6	15	— 34

Power-play opportunities: Nashville 0 of 4; Carolina 1 of 2. **Goalies:** Nashville, Lankinen 0-1-0 (34 shots-30 saves). Carolina, Andersen 1-0-0 (23-22). **A:** 14,886 (18,680). **T:** 2:25.

HIGH SCHOOLS

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
FOOTBALL
D.C.
Friendship Collegiate 33, Armstrong/Kennedy 17

MARYLAND
Annapolis 34, North County 0
Blake 52, Watkins Mill 3
Boonsboro 49, Poolesville 0
C.H. Flowers 47, Bowie 0
Chopticon 36, La Plata 7
Douglass 14, Potomac (Md.) 7
Eleanor Roosevelt 43, Bladensburg 8
Glenelg 24. Centennial 0
Gwynn Park 39, Friendly 6
Lackey 32, Westlake 28
Largo 40, Crossland 0
Marriotts Ridge 36, Howard 28
Mount Hebron 35, River Hill 0
North Point 28, St. Charles 6
Northeast 28, Severna Park 14
Northern 13, Leonardtown 7
Northwest 28, Paint Branch 13
Old Mill 31, Broadneck 28
Patuxent 27, Great Mills 3
Quince Orchard 28, Seneca Valley 0
Sherwood 28, Damascus 21
South River 21, Chesapeake 14 (OT)
Suitland 40, Northwestern 0
Walter Johnson 40, Blair 14
Wootton 38, Clarksburg 13

VIRGINIA
Briar Woods 42, Riverside 13
Broad Run 20, Heritage 0
Champe 28, Loudoun County 21
Dominion 30, Rock Ridge 6
Edison 24, Hayfield 10
Fairfax 42, W.T. Woodson 21
Forest Park 35, Woodbridge 21
Freedom (South Riding) 63, Osbourn Park 13
Freedom (Woodbridge) 66, Colgan 0
Herndon 21, Chantilly 14
Justice 14, Annandale 12
Kettle Run 61, Meridian 6
Langley 48, Wakefield 9
Lightridge 27, Independence 15
Madison 28, Westfield 24
McLean 7, Yorktown 3
Osbourn 16, Unity Reed 15
Patriot 56, Gainesville 26
Potomac (Va.) 14, Gar-Field 0
South County 32, Alexandria City 0
Stone Bridge 50, Potomac Falls 0
Tuscarora 14, Loudoun Valley 0
Washington-Liberty 52, Marshall 26
West Potomac 43, Oakton 14
West Springfield 27, Robinson 21
Woodgrove 52, Park View 0

PRIVATE
Archbishop Spalding 49, Gilman 7
Bullis 30, National Christian Academy 6
DeMatha 14, Gonzaga 7
Episcopal 39, St. Stephen's/St. Agnes 9
Mount Zion Prep 12, Long Island Lutheran (N.Y.) 6
Riverdale Baptist 15, Landon 14
St. Mary's Ryken 33, Paul VI 13

BOYS' SOCCER
MARYLAND
CMIT North 2, Crossland 1
Mount Saint Joe 1, Broadneck 0
Severna Park 2, Severn 0

PRIVATE
Bishop McNamara 1, Calvert Hall 0
Collegiate 1, Potomac School 0
St. Albans 4, Georgetown Prep 0
St. Stephen's/St. Agnes 2, Landon 1
Virginia Academy 3, Wakefield School 2

GIRLS' SOCCER
D.C.
Washington Latin 6, Capital City 0

MARYLAND
Mt. Hebron 6, Glenelg 1

PRIVATE
Georgetown Day 7, E.L. Haynes 0

FIELD HOCKEY
MARYLAND
Leonardtown 11, Chopticon 0

PRIVATE
Archbishop Spalding 3, Stone Ridge 1
Good Counsel 6, Holy Child 2

GOLF

PGA Tour

SANDERSON FARMS CHAMPIONSHIP
At Country Club of Jackson (Miss.)
Purse: $8.2 million
Yardage: 7,461; **Par:** 72

SECOND ROUND

Ben Griffin	67 63	—	130	-14
Harrison Endycott	67 65	—	132	-12
Luke List	66 66	—	132	-12
Henrik Norlander	65 67	—	132	-12
Carl Yuan	66 66	—	132	-12
Zecheng Dou	67 66	—	133	-11
Chesson Hadley	64 69	—	133	-11
Harry Higgs	69 64	—	133	-11
Troy Merritt	68 65	—	133	-11
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	66 69	—	135	-9
Wesley Bryan	67 68	—	135	-9
Beau Hossler	68 67	—	135	-9
Peter Kuest	68 67	—	135	-9
Scott Stallings	68 67	—	135	-9
Erik Van Rooyen	67 68	—	135	-9
Ludvig Aberg	67 69	—	136	-8
Cameron Champ	67 69	—	136	-8
Joel Dahmen	69 67	—	136	-8
Garrick Higgo	70 66	—	136	-8
Tom Hoge	71 65	—	136	-8
Russell Knox	66 70	—	136	-8
Martin Laird	68 68	—	136	-8
Matthew NeSmith	66 70	—	136	-8
Sam Ryder	67 69	—	136	-8
Brandt Snedeker	68 68	—	136	-8
Adam Svensson	67 69	—	136	-8
Ford Clegg	72 65	—	137	-7
Austin Cook	68 69	—	137	-7
Tyler Duncan	69 68	—	137	-7
Cody Gribble	68 69	—	137	-7
Lanto Griffin	67 70	—	137	-7
Mark Hubbard	69 68	—	137	-7
Kevin Kisner	67 70	—	137	-7
Andrew Landry	70 67	—	137	-7
David Lipsky	70 67	—	137	-7
Peter Malnati	66 71	—	137	-7
Ryan Palmer	69 68	—	137	-7
C.T. Pan	68 69	—	137	-7
Doc Redman	67 70	—	137	-7
Davis Thompson	67 70	—	137	-7
Akshay Bhatia	66 72	—	138	-6
Kevin Chappell	71 67	—	138	-6
Tommy Gainey	71 67	—	138	-6
Nick Hardy	68 70	—	138	-6
Hank Lebioda	67 71	—	138	-6
Nicholas Lindheim	67 71	—	138	-6
Adam Long	69 69	—	138	-6
Ben Martin	70 68	—	138	-6
Alex Noren	69 69	—	138	-6
Cameron Percy	70 68	—	138	-6
Ted Potter Jr.	69 69	—	138	-6
Chad Ramey	70 68	—	138	-6
Ross Steelman	70 68	—	138	-6
Robert Streb	70 68	—	138	-6
Ben Taylor	69 69	—	138	-6
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Jonas Blixt	71 68	—	139	-5
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Dylan Frittelli	72 67	—	139	-5
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Kramer Hickok	70 69	—	139	-5
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Chris Stroud	69 70	—	139	-5
Callum Tarren	71 68	—	139	-5
Jimmy Walker	67 72	—	139	-5
Richy Werenski	70 69	—	139	-5
Kyle Westmoreland	70 69	—	139	-5
Brandon Wu	65 74	—	139	-5

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Sam Bennett	69 71	—	140	-4
Zac Blair	73 67	—	140	-4
Doug Ghim	68 72	—	140	-4
Tano Goya	74 66	—	140	-4
Mackenzie Hughes	70 70	—	140	-4
Seonghyeon Kim	73 67	—	140	-4
Patton Kizzire	71 69	—	140	-4
Trey Mullinax	68 72	—	140	-4
Sean O'Hair	69 71	—	140	-4
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Camilo Villegas	71 69	—	140	-4
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Dylan Wu	68 72	—	140	-4
Carson Young	70 70	—	140	-4
Tyson Alexander	69 72	—	141	-3
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Ben Crane	72 69	—	141	-3
MJ Daffue	70 71	—	141	-3
Jason Dufner	71 70	—	141	-3
Brice Garnett	69 72	—	141	-3
Brian Gay	71 70	—	141	-3
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Kevin Roy	71 70	—	141	-3
Greyson Sigg	73 68	—	141	-3
Scott Brown	73 69	—	142	-2
Ryan Gerard	72 70	—	142	-2
Nate Lashley	70 72	—	142	-2
Justin Lower	73 69	—	142	-2
Ryan Moore	69 73	—	142	-2
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Matti Schmid	73 69	—	142	-2
D.J. Trahan	72 70	—	142	-2
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Kevin Tway	70 72	—	142	-2
Ryan Brehm	71 72	—	143	-1
Hayden Buckley	71 72	—	143	-1
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Will Gordon	72 71	—	143	-1
Emiliano Grillo	72 71	—	143	-1
Harry Hall	71 72	—	143	-1
Max McGreevy	71 72	—	143	-1
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Zack Fischer	74 70	—	144	E
Paul Haley	71 73	—	144	E
Satoshi Kodaira	71 73	—	144	E
Davis Riley	71 73	—	144	E
Sam Stevens	71 73	—	144	E
Kevin Streelman	74 70	—	144	E
Ryan Armour	69 76	—	145	+1
Sung Kang	73 72	—	145	+1
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	75 70	—	145	+1
Kevin Yu	69 76	—	145	+1

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Sofia Garcia	66 68	—	134	-8
Celine Boutier	69 67	—	136	-6
Lexi Thompson	71 65	—	136	-6
Marina Alex	67 70	—	137	-5
Leona Maguire	70 67	—	137	-5
Azahara Munoz	66 71	—	137	-5
Maria Torres	69 68	—	137	-5
Yu-Sang Hou	66 72	—	138	-4
Sarah Kemp	67 71	—	138	-4
Yuna Nishimura	69 69	—	138	-4
Nicole Broch Estrup	69 70	—	139	-3
A Lim Kim	72 67	—	139	-3
Atthaya Thitikul	70 69	—	139	-3
Jennifer Chang	69 71	—	140	-2
Cydney Clanton	72 68	—	140	-2
Hyo Joon Jang	72 68	—	140	-2
Frida Kinhult	71 69	—	140	-2
Aline Krauter	71 69	—	140	-2
Gerina Mendoza-Piller	73 67	—	140	-2
Bianca Pagdanganan	70 70	—	140	-2
Sarah Schmelzel	70 70	—	140	-2
Mariajo Uribe	69 71	—	140	-2
Chanettee Wannasaen	69 71	—	140	-2
Xiaowen Yin	71 69	—	140	-2
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Ally Ewing	71 70	—	141	-1
Charley Hull	72 69	—	141	-1
Cheyenne Knight	70 71	—	141	-1
Amelia Lewis	70 71	—	141	-1
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Annie Park	73 68	—	141	-1
Emily Pedersen	70 71	—	141	-1
Louise Ridderstrom	69 72	—	141	-1
So Yeon Ryu	72 69	—	141	-1
Jenny Shin	68 73	—	141	-1
Sarah Jane Smith	71 70	—	141	-1
Lindsey Weaver-Wright	68 73	—	141	-1
Pavarisa Yoktuan	73 68	—	141	-1
Dottie Ardina	72 70	—	142	E
Gemma Dryburgh	71 71	—	142	E
Hannah Green	69 73	—	142	E
Wei-Ling Hsu	72 70	—	142	E
Wichanee Meechai	71 71	—	142	E
Katherine Muzi	73 69	—	142	E
Su-Hyun Oh	73 69	—	142	E
Pornanong Phatlum	69 73	—	142	E
Lauren Stephenson	71 71	—	142	E
Maddie Szeryk	71 71	—	142	E
Jaravee Boonchant	72 71	—	143	+1
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	71 72	—	143	+1
Maria Fassi	72 71	—	143	+1
Eun-Hee Ji	73 70	—	143	+1
Minami Katsu	68 75	—	143	+1
Ilhee Lee	72 71	—	143	+1
Min Lee	76 67	—	143	+1
Jeongeun Lee6	71 72	—	143	+1
Lucy Li	75 68	—	143	+1
Ruixin Liu	71 72	—	143	+1
Yealimi Noh	69 74	—	143	+1
Albane Valenzuela	74 69	—	143	+1
Ana Belac	72 72	—	144	+2
Paula Creamer	72 72	—	144	+2
Karis Davidson	73 71	—	144	+2
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Kiira Riihijarvi	72 72	—	144	+2
Luna Sobron Galmes	73 71	—	144	+2
Gabriella Then	69 75	—	144	+2
Dewi Weber	72 72	—	144	+2
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Notice of Public Hearing
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Proposed Changes to Transit Facilities at
Capitol Heights Metro Station
Capitol Heights, Maryland
Docket R23-05

PURPOSE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on proposed changes to transit facilities at the Capitol Heights Metro Station in Capitol Heights, Maryland as follows:

Hearing No. 654

Wednesday, November 8, 2023
Open House 6:30 p.m. Public Hearing 7:00 p.m.

Capitol Heights Elementary School
601 Suffolk Ave
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

This hearing will also be conducted virtually, and t estimony can be provided via phone or video (see below). The hearing can be viewed online at:
youtube.com/metroforward

To listen via telephone: (206) 899-2028, Meeting Code 231 232 090#

Please note that this date is subject to cancellation. In the event of a cancellation, Metro will post information about the rescheduled hearing on wmata.com

Sign language interpretation will be provided. Any individual who requires special assistance or additional accommodation to participate in this public hearing, or who requires these materials in an alternate format, should contact the Office of the Board Corporate Secretary at 202-962-2511 or TTY: 202-962-2033 as soon as possible in order for Metro to make necessary arrangements. For language assistance, such as an interpreter or information in another language, please call 202-962-1082 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing date.

For more information please visit wmata.com/plansandprojects

PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) regarding the environmental report and general plans for changes to transit facilities at the Capitol Heights Metro Station, Capitol Heights, MD. At the hearing, WMATA will receive and consider public comments and suggestions about the proposal. The proposed design concepts may change as a result of this hearing.

HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

All organizations or individuals desiring to be heard with respect to the proposal will be afforded the opportunity to present their views and make supporting statements and to offer alternative proposals. Public officials will be allowed five minutes each to make their presentations. All others will be allowed three minutes each. Relinquishing of time by one speaker to another will not be permitted.

Individuals can provide testimony at the hearing in one of three ways:

In person: Individuals wishing to provide testimony in person during the hearing are encouraged to pre-register by emailing speak@wmata.com or calling (202) 962-2511 by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Please submit only one speaker's name per request. Advance registration to provide in-person testimony is not required.

By videoconference: Individuals wishing to provide testimony during the hearing via videoconference are required to furnish, in writing, their name and organizational affiliation, if any, via email to speak@wmata.com by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Please submit only one speaker's name per request.

By telephone: Individuals should call (206) 899-2028 during the hearing and enter Meeting Code 231 232 090#. Advance registration to provide testimony via telephone is not available.

HOW TO SUBMIT TESTIMONY NOT AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

Testimony may be submitted online about this proposal at wmata.com/plansandprojects. Options to submit testimony online include completing a survey, providing written comments or uploading letters or other documents. Online submission will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2023 and will close on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 9 a.m. This is in addition to your ability to speak at a public hearing. For those without access to computers or internet, testimony may also be mailed to the Office of the Board Corporate Secretary, SECT 2E, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, P.O. Box 44390, Washington, DC 20026-4390. All comments must be received by the Office of the Secretary by 9 a.m. on Monday, November 20, 2023 to be included in the public record.

The comments received by the Office of the Board Corporate Secretary, along with the online submissions and public hearing comments, will be presented to the WMATA Board of Directors and will be part of the official public hearing record. Please note all statements are releasable to the public and may be posted on WMATA's website, without change, including any personal information provided.

WHAT IS PROPOSED

Metro proposes changes ("Modifications") to the Capitol Heights Metro Station ("Metro Station") transit facilities and facility access to enable joint development, increase ridership and improve safety. The recommended changes are made after significant evaluation of future demand for the transit and parking facilities at the Metro Station.

The Modifications include:
- Relocating the bus loop and Kiss & Ride facilities
- Reducing the Kiss & Ride capacity to eight spaces
- Eliminating the 372-space Park & Ride lot

In 2017, Metro held a public hearing and received Board approval to eliminate the Park & Ride only. However, the joint development project did not advance at that time and as a result Prince George's County and Metro have revised the development plans to also include changes to the bus and Kiss & Ride facilities.

The changes to the transit facilities will be funded and constructed by Metro's future joint developer, which will be selected through a future solicitation.

In accordance with the WMATA Compact, the Modifications require an Environmental Evaluation ("EE") to assess the potential effects of this action on the human and natural environment in terms of transportation, social, economic, and environmental factors. Impacts identified in the EE are summarized in Table 1.

For more information, please refer to the provided Environmental Evaluation.

Table 1. Environmental Impacts of Modifications

Environmental Feature	Permanent Impacts	Construction-Related (Temporary) Impacts	Minimization & Mitigation Efforts
Transportation	Reconfiguration of the bus facilities eliminates left-turn bus movements onto the site from the arterial roads, which will improve safety. Elimination of the Park & Ride and reduction of Kiss & Ride spaces will generate less traffic at the station and align with pick-up/drop-off demand.	Disruption to pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular circulation during construction.	Interim locations for bus services, pick-up/drop-off, and bicyclist and pedestrian access will be maintained at all times during construction. Updated traffic controls and signage to reflect changes. Customers seeking longer-term parking options will be directed to use Park & Ride facilities at Addison Road Metro Station. Other on-street parking options may also be created after development of the site.
Stormwater	None-total impervious areas of transit facilities to be reduced.	Minor sediment or erosion risk.	Controls to be applied per Maryland and Prince George's County requirements.
Air Quality and Noise	No impacts resulting from changes to transit facilities.	Dust or noise from construction-related equipment and operation.	Cleaning, minimizing night-time work, noise control measures.

REFERENCE MATERIAL AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

The docket consists of this Notice of Public Hearing, an environmental report, and general plans for the proposed changes to transit facilities at the Capitol Heights Metro Station. These documents are available online at wmata.com/plansandprojects and may be inspected during normal business hours at the following location:

WMATA
Office of the Board Corporate Secretary
300 7th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20024
202-962-2511
(Please call in advance to coordinate)

WMATA COMPACT REQUIREMENTS

WMATA's Compact requires that the Board, in amending the Mass Transit Plan, consider current and prospective conditions in the transit zone should the project be built. The transit zone includes Prince George's County, Maryland and considerations include, without limitation, land use, population, economic factors affecting development plans, existing and proposed transportation and transit facilities, any dislocation of families or businesses; preservation of the beauty and dignity of the DC Metro Area; factors affecting environmental amenities and aesthetics, and financial resources. The Mass Transit Plan encompasses, among other things, transit facilities to be provided by WMATA, including stations and parking facilities, and the character, nature, design, location and capital and operating cost thereof. The Mass Transit Plan, in addition to designating the design and location of transit facilities, also provides for capital and operating expenses, as well as "various other factors and considerations, which, in the opinion of the Board, justify and require the projects therein proposed" all as more particularly set forth in WMATA's Compact.

840 Trustees Sale - DC

MARK H. WITTSTADT, ESQUIRE
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TRUSTEE'S SALE
REAL PROPERTY
6922 9TH STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20012

By virtue of a certain Commercial Deed of Trust, Security Agreement , Assignment of Leases and Rents and Fixture Filing from LFH Investments, LLC a Maryland limited liability company dated October 13, 2022 and duly recorded October 17, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022104829 (the "Deed of Trust") among the Land Records of the District of Columbia (the "Land Records"), which Deed of Trust also constitutes a security agreement and creates a security interest in all fixtures described in the Deed of Trust, a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 and following mailing of the Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit recorded among the Land Records on September 11, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023078118 and the recordation of the Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure recorded among the Land Records on August 18, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023071506 the undersigned Trustee will sell, at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016 on

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 AT 12:34 PM

The real estate located at 6922 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC and legally described as follows:
Lot Numbered Seventeen (17) in Square Numbered Twenty-Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven (2967) in the Subdivision made by John Wischhausen, as per plat recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Liber 64 at Folio 75.
Property Address: 6922 9th Street NW, Washington, DC 20012.
Tax Parcel ID No:
SSL. 2967-0000-0017

FIXTURES AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust as evidenced by a Financing Statement recorded among said Land Records as Instrument Number 2022104830 and upon occurrence of a default thereunder, the Secured Party, Carstensz Loan Holdings, LLC, as the holder of a security interest and lien on all of the tangible and intangible assets of the Debtor, will sell at public auction on the same date and at the same time and place, ALL OF THE FIXTURES and TANGIBLE PROPERTY, ETC. of the Debtor located on or about the Real Estate (that is subject to the security interest and lien of Carstensz Loan Holdings, LLC and not owned by any third party.)
TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, and any furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery and other personal property owned and located in, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property"). The "Property" does not include any property owned by any tenants at the Property.
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. The Property will be offered as an entirety only. The bid that yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Trustee (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee absolutely reserves the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the Trustee receives the deposit in the required amount and form. A deposit in the amount of $25,000.00 will be required at the time of sale as a condition to bidding. Such deposit must be by cashier's check or certified check or in such other form as the Trustee may determine in his sole discretion, which check shall be payable to "Mark H. Wittstadt, Trustee." The deposit must be increased to 10% of the purchase price within 2 business days after consummation of the sale and delivered to the Substitute Trustee in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Trustee from submitting any bidding deposit. The Trustee will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement; provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser does not consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, such deposit, will be forfeited, and after payment of all expenses and commissions due in connection with the defaulted sale, the balance shall be applied to the indebtedness due under the terms of the note and Deed of Trust. The terms of sale must be complied with, and settlement consummated thereon within 25 days from the day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Trustee. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.
The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the default rate of 24% per annum being charged from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement by bank wire transfer; and if not so paid, the Trustee as stated above will forfeit the deposit and reserves the right to resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after such advertisement and on such terms as the Trustee may deem proper, and to avail himself and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser.
The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust or have been granted non-disturbance or similar rights, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Trustee or any other party, if any, and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety codes, or (vi) compliance with any tenants' rights or similar laws, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Trustee or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination, or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Trustee or the Noteholder.
Conveyance shall be by Trustee's Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the time of sale shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser. The Property shall be sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, sewer, water, drainage, and other public improvements, if any, whether assessments have been levied or not. The Noteholder and Trustee assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, utilities, and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. The District of Columbia Government may impose transfer and recordation taxes on any assignment of the successful bid prior to recordation of the Trustee's Deed. The successful purchaser shall be solely liable for payment of such additional transfer and recordation taxes, if any. If the Trustee cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
REAL PROPERTY
1416 A STREET, SE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20003

By virtue of a certain Commercial Deed of Trust, Security Agreement , Assignment of Leases and Rents and Fixture Filing from 1416 A Street SE LLC, a District of Columbia limited liability company dated July 30, 2020 and duly recorded August 13, 2020 as Instrument No. 2020098535 (the "Deed of Trust") among the Land Records of the District of Columbia (the "Land Records"), which Deed of Trust also constitutes a security agreement and creates a security interest in all fixtures described in the Deed of Trust, a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 and following mailing of the Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit recorded among the Land Records on September 11, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023078122 and the recordation of the Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure recorded among the Land Records on August 18, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023071505 the undersigned Trustee will sell, at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016 on

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 AT 12:36 PM

The real estate located at 1416 A Street, SE, Washington, DC and legally described as follows:
Lot numbered Eighty-Nine (89) in Square numbered Ten Hundred Fifty-Eight (1058), in the subdivision made by Alcione Vinet and Denise Vinet, as per plat recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Plat Liber 206 at Folio 184.
For purposes of assessment and taxation the above referenced property is now known as Lot Numbered Eighty-Nine (89) in Square Numbered Ten Hundred Fifty-Eight (1058).

FIXTURES AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust as evidenced by any Financing Statement recorded among said Land Records and upon occurrence of a default thereunder, the Secured Party, Carstensz Fund II, LLC, LLC, as the holder of a security interest and lien on all of the tangible and intangible assets of the Debtor, will sell at public auction on the same date and at the same time and place, ALL OF THE FIXTURES and TANGIBLE PROPERTY, ETC. of the Debtor located on or about the Real Estate (that is subject to the security interest and lien of Carstensz Fund II, LLC and not owned by any third party.)
TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, and any furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery and other personal property owned and located in, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property"). The "Property" does not include any property owned by any tenants at the Property.
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. The Property will be offered as an entirety only. The bid that yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Trustee (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee absolutely reserves the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the Trustee receives the deposit in the required amount and form. A deposit in the amount of $25,000.00 will be required at the time of sale as a condition to bidding. Such deposit must be by cashier's check or certified check or in such other form as the Trustee may determine in his sole discretion, which check shall be payable to "Mark H. Wittstadt, Trustee." The deposit must be increased to 10% of the purchase price within 2 business days after consummation of the sale and delivered to the Substitute Trustee in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Trustee from submitting any bidding deposit. The Trustee will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement; provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser does not consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, such deposit, will be forfeited, and after payment of all expenses and commissions due in connection with the defaulted sale, the balance shall be applied to the indebtedness due under the terms of the note and Deed of Trust. The terms of sale must be complied with, and settlement consummated thereon within 25 days from the day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Trustee. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.
The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the default rate of 24% per annum being charged from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement by bank wire transfer; and if not so paid, the Trustee as stated above will forfeit the deposit and reserves the right to resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after such advertisement and on such terms as the Trustee may deem proper, and to avail himself and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser.
The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust or have been granted non-disturbance or similar rights, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Trustee or any other party, if any, and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety codes, or (vi) compliance with any tenants' rights or similar laws, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Trustee or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination, or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Trustee or the Noteholder.
Conveyance shall be by Trustee's Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the time of sale shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser. The Property shall be sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, sewer, water, drainage, and other public improvements, if any, whether assessments have been levied or not. The Noteholder and Trustee assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, utilities, and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. The District of Columbia Government may impose transfer and recordation taxes on any assignment of the successful bid prior to recordation of the Trustee's Deed. The successful purchaser shall be solely liable for payment of such additional transfer and recordation taxes, if any. If the Trustee cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale.

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